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# HITLER'S DEPUTY, HESS, LANDS IN SCOTLAND BY PARACHUTE!

## Berlin Says He Committed Suicide, Deputy Fuehrer Hess But London Declares He Is Safe

THE MOST ASTONISHING AND DRAMATIC STORY OF THE ENTIRE EUROPEAN WAR HAS JUST BEEN REVEALED. ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED IN LONDON, HERR RUDOLF HESS, HITLER'S DEPUTY, LANDED IN SCOTLAND BY PARACHUTE, AND HAS BEEN CAPTURED.

That this is no fairy tale is proved by the fact that Berlin officially reported that Hess had committed suicide. It was admitted that he had flown from Germany in an aeroplane at 6 p.m. on Saturday last and had not been heard of since. Berlin stated that Hess left Augsburg by plane and messages had since been found to indicate that he intended to commit suicide.



## Hitler Seeks Use Of The Franco-Spanish Railway

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The Germans are reported to be pressing the Vichy Government for permission to use the Pau-Saragossa Railway to convey German troops to Spain because the Bordeaux-St Sebastian line in occupied territory is inadequate to carry troops in large numbers, says an independent French Agency correspondent on the French frontier.

## Latest Raids Leave Hamburg In Ruins

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, May 12 (UP).—An Air Ministry communique states: "Last night in very good weather, aircraft of the Bomber Command again attacked objectives in Hamburg and Bremen. Heavy weight high explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped on shipbuilding yards and industrial areas in both cities."

## MIDDLE EAST WAR REPORTS

**Official Communique**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, May 12 (UP).—Today's General Headquarters communique states: "Libya: At Tobruk our mechanised patrols surprised a considerable party of the enemy inflicting casualties and capturing 32 prisoners. In the Sollum area, our patrols yesterday were continuing their harassing tactics and captured an enemy tank mounting an anti-tank gun."

## Substitute Home For Commons Prepared

(By "Reuter's" Parliamentary Correspondent)

LONDON, May 12.—The extensive damage done to the House of Commons will make necessary the use of the replica of that Chamber which has existed elsewhere for some time past and which has actually been used on a number of occasions for full meetings of the House of Commons.

The reserve chamber is smaller than the original House of Commons.

The Speaker's chair, green benches and gangways familiar to visitors to the old Commons are reproduced in form, though the familiar green leather is replaced by green cloth.

The Press sit at the opposite end of the chamber from that to which they are accustomed, sharing the available space with diplomats who formerly had their own very exclusive gallery.

It is not, therefore, in any hasty or improvised fashion that the destruction of the old Commons will be met. Another site is ready and complete in every detail and is well tested in debates, which have taken place there.

There is a similar reproduction of the House of Lords in existence which will be used if necessary.

## Nine Nazis Downed Yesterday

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—"It is now known that in last night's attack on this country, a total of nine enemy aircraft were destroyed," says tonight's Air Ministry communique.

It adds: "There has been very little enemy activity over Britain during daylight today. Early this morning bombs were dropped at a point on the southeast coast, doing little damage and causing no casualties."

**Almost A Respite**  
LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Enemy bombers last night were reported to be over widely-separated districts in Britain, and some bombs were dropped, but it appeared unlikely that a big scale attack would develop on any area.

The "All-Clear" was sounded in London in the early morning.

**Alert In London**  
LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Before midnight an alert was sounded in the London area, but for some time afterwards no raiders were heard overhead.

## Breaks An Ankle In Landing Hess's Flight Described

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Leaving behind a farewell note, Rudolf Hess has fled from Germany and is now in Scotland. He crashed from a German fighter which significantly did not have enough petrol to return to Germany.

The most amazing story of the war was told tonight in a communique from No. 10 Downing Street a few hours after Berlin had attempted to anticipate the news by stating that Hess had left a note showing traces of mental disorder and had either committed suicide or fallen from a plane.

Hess, who broke his ankle when he landed, brought photographs of himself at different ages to establish his identity and he has been recognised by several people who knew him well.

## Berlin's Version Of Flight Suicide Story Announced

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Rudolf Hess, Hitler's Deputy, has met with sudden death in mysterious circumstances while on an aeroplane flight from Augsburg, Bavaria, from where he took off on May 10.

An official announcement by the National Socialist Party issued by the German news agency to-day suggests that Hess was suffering from "mental disorder" and says that he "either jumped out of the plane or met with an accident."

It adds that Hitler has ordered the arrest of the dead man's adjutants.

**Nazi No. 3**  
The 45-year-old Hess was the "Nazi No. 3." He was to follow.  
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## Argentina Pro-British Sentiments

BUENOS AIRES, May 12 (Reuter).—"We want no regimes that are against liberty, human dignity and Christ," declared Dr. B. E. Alvarez, former President of the Argentine Republic and leader of the Liberals, addressing the Radical Party Convention celebrations of the 127th anniversary of the Argentine Assembly's adoption of the song "Liberty" as the national anthem.

Denouncing Argentines who "howl clamour for neutrality," Dr. Alvarez said that there were some people who some time ago thought that they could make trouble over the Falkland Islands, but that question would never ruffle Argentine relations and some day would be settled in the friendliest way.

## HESS THE MAN: ONE OF HITLER'S "OLD GUARD"

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Since the 1934 purge when Captain Roehm and other National Socialist Party leaders were killed on Hitler's personal intervention, the mystery of the death or suicide of Rudolf Hess is probably the most sensational event in German political history.

## BENGHAZI BLASTED BY NAVY

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—During Saturday night, powerful units of British light forces carried out an intense bombardment of Benghazi from point-blank range, states an Admiralty communique.

## Papen In Ankara

VICHY, May 12 (Reuter).—Herr Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador to Turkey, arrived at Ankara this evening, says an Ankara telegram.

## Named By Hitler

Addressing the German Reichstag on September 1, 1939, on the day of the German invasion of Poland, Hitler declared: "Should anything happen to me, then my successor is Field Marshal Goering, after him Party member Hess, to whom you would then owe your duty as Leader just as you owe to me."

At one time, pictures of Hess were seen more often in the illustrated papers and on the screen than of any other Nazi leader except Hitler.

## Born In Egypt

Rudolf Hess has for years been a close friend of Hitler who named him, shortly after the outbreak of war, to be successor after Goering in the event of the Fuehrer's death.

Hess was born in Alexandria, Egypt in 1894, was a flying officer in the World War and devoted himself to Hitler after hearing him speak for the first time. He is very anti-Semitic but is otherwise moderate and pleasant. He has a strange hobby, faith-healing, for which he founded a hospital at Dresden, and he is stated to be the only leader close to Hitler who is entirely devoid of ambition.

## America is Suspicious of Japan Peace Move Report

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP).—The inspired reports of a new peace drive in the Chinese war are interpreted here as another attempt to ensure that the United States fleet stays in the Pacific, regardless of events in the Atlantic.

Some of the rumours are originating in Washington, but most of them in Tokyo, all calculated to draw a statement from the United States as to just what naval policy will be followed in the event of a further Japanese move southward.

President Roosevelt and Mr. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, are expected to discuss the situation to-day. Mr. Menzies has been conferring with the State Department and has presumably touched on the subject of United States-Australian collaboration in the event of a Japanese move in the south Pacific.

The Chinese peace suggestions have not been taken seriously here, but are tagged as an attempt to make the United States fear that the Japanese army, freed from the war in China, might attempt to seize the Dutch East Indies. The suggestion is the Japanese press that Mr. Matsuzaki visit the United States is likewise tagged as being without reasonable backing.



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## OPERATIONS AT WAICHOW

To Tighten Blockade on Supply Route

South China, May 12. Crack units of the Japanese Expeditionary Force to South China with the co-operation of aircraft and naval forces have launched fresh operations simultaneously from Tsengshing, East River, and various points in the eastern coastal area with a view to smashing the Chinese force concentrated in eastern Kwangtung in an attempt to recover the Hongkong-Shikwan route.

The Japanese land and air forces are continuing swift and vigorous thrusts. One Japanese column cut the Chinese retreat on the upper reaches of the East River, while another strong column is rapidly closing in upon Waichow, important Chinese stronghold, tightening the encirclement of the Chinese.

On May 10, 80 regular troops led by a company commander of the Chinese 8th Division surrendered to the Japanese.

With the co-operation of naval forces, army units on Sunday effected a surprise landing on the eastern shore of Canton Bay, eastern Kwangtung. The forces immediately thrust inland toward Pingshanhu and after covering about 50 miles in a forced march by Monday reached a point west of Waichow, cutting the Chinese retreat from Waichow.—Domel.

### Chinese Fight Back

Shikwan, May 11. On Thursday Japanese troops from Tsengshing, East River town, 35 miles north-east of Canton, pushed toward Chingkwu, 15 miles north-east of Tsengshing, meeting with staunch Chinese resistance.—Central News.

### Drive from Three Directions

Waichow, May 12. The Japanese are renewing their offensive from Tungking and Tsengshing. They are advancing in three directions, along the Tsengshing-Poklo highway towards Fukien, from Shikwan eastward to Tungkuang, and from Tamsui towards Leung-chinghu, south-east of Waichow.

These movements aim at the encirclement of Waichow and Poklo. Fighting is still in progress and the situation is tense.—Wai Kiu Yat Po.

### Troops from Canton

Shikwan, May 12. There are considerable Japanese troop movements from Canton to the East River preparatory to an attack on Waichow and Poklo.—International.

## Portable Radios Not To Be Used Outside

Owners of motor-cars in which portable radios have been installed will have to take steps to dismantle them as a result of an important amendment made to the regulations governing possession and use of portable radio sets in Hongkong.

Introduced under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, the amendment has been formulated as a security measure and does not prevent a portable radio owner from using the set in his home. However, he will not be permitted to use it outside.

Mr E. I. Wynne-Jones, Postmaster General, said yesterday: "The reason for the introduction of this new regulation is for security and to fall in line with similar regulations in the United Kingdom. It does not mean that the so-called portable set may not be used in the owner's premises, but portable sets are not to be taken outside. This applies also to car sets, all licences for which are being withdrawn."



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The Cape Alava was built by the Seattle and Tacoma Shipbuilding Co. in Tacoma, Washington, and is the first boat to have been constructed there, since the dockyards were completed just before the building of the freighter began. She has a net tonnage of 7,751 tons and can carry 9,950 tons of cargo. Her length is 418 feet, beam 60 feet and depth 27 feet and ten inches.

Turned over to the Company on April 3, the freighter reached here sixteen days after she had left the United States. Her service speed is fourteen knots, but it is believed that she can surpass this if necessary. She is run by two Diesel engines. The crew is 43 strong and is all American.

The Cape Alava will remain in Shanghai for about two days, during which she will unload her lumber cargo, and will proceed to Hongkong, the Philippines, Japan and back to the United States.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-cession.

12.30 Dance Music by Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Songs by Raquel Meller.

1.11 Bizet-Jeux d'Enfants—Ballet Suite—London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra—Idylle Bretonne (J. Gennin); Crocus Time—Serenade for Strings (De La Riviere); Echoes of the Valley (J. Gennin); The Merry Brothers (J. Gennin); Oriental Dance—Novelty Duet (C. White); Carladon Doll Dance (L. Pleier); and The Two Imps (K. J. Alford); and Dance of the Shells (C. Grunow) conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Half an Hour with Massenet. "Manon"—Fantasia.....Marck Weber and his Orchestra; "Sapho"—Air de Jean.....Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra; "Thais"—Meditation.....Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra; "Thais"—Tell me I am Beautiful.....Marsyas Beaulieu (Soprano) with Orchestra; Scenes Pittoresques—Fetes Bohemes.....The London Palladium Orchestra; "Werther"—Four-quel me Reveillez?...Tito Schlipa (Tenor) with Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 An Hour of Classical Requests—Etude in F Minor (Liszt).....Simon Barer (Piano); Jeanne d'Arc—Farewell, Ye Mountains (Tchaikovsky).....Maria Jeriza (Soprano) with Orchestra; Incidental Music to "Mary Rose" (O'Neill).....New Light Symphony Orchestra; O Gladsome Light (Sullivan).....The B.B.C. Wireless Chorus; Rustle of Spring (Sinding).....William Murdoch (Piano); Valse Triste—Kuolemalla (Sibelius).....Chicago Symphony Orchestra; Fantastucke Op. 12 (Schumann).....Yves Nat (Piano); Let the Bright Seraphim (Handel).....Elsie Sudaby (Soprano) with Orchestra; 2nd Movement from Symphony No. 6 in F Major Op. 68 "Pastoral"—(Beethoven).....Andante molto mosso.....Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 "The Hope of a new World" No. 3: "Prayer and its Answer."—Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.30 Elgar—Froissart Overture Op. 19—London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar Bart O.M., K.C.V.O.

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Musical Comedy Selections—"Me and My Girl"—Vocal Selections.....Wallace Lupino, Lupino Lane, Teddie St Denis and Chorus with Orchestra; Home and Beauty—Selection.....Adelphi Theatre Orchestra.

10.00 Dance Music with Vocal Variety by Artie Shaw and his Orchestra; Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody; Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orchestra; Teddy Powell and his Orchestra; The Six Swingers with Vocal Chorus; Adelinde Hall with Instrumental Accomp.; Joe Loss and his Orchestra; Turner Layton and his piano; Ambrose and his Orchestra; Jack Payne and his Band.

11.00 Close Down.

## NEW MAIL SERVICE

Four Weeks for Letters To Reach England

Further information regarding the new mail service to the United Kingdom was given yesterday by the Postmaster General Mr E. I. Wynne-Jones. The service is an experimental one and provides sea transit from London to America and air transit from there to Lisbon and the United Kingdom.

As has been announced the inclusive postage rate is HK\$2 per 1/2 oz. for letters and HK\$1 each for post-cards.

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## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday is:

Buyers:

Bank of East Asia \$70.50

H.K. Fire Ins. X.D. \$170

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CAPTURED AT SUEZ—British white ensign is raised above Italian flag on Italian submarine captured at southern entrance to Suez Canal. Sub surrendered after cruiser Leander put sholl through conning tower.

## Items Of Interest from Z.B.W.

Following are some items of interest from this week's programmes from ZBW:

At lunch time to-day, after the 1 o'clock local time signal and three songs by Raquel Meller, Bizet's "Jeu d'Enfants" Ballet Music will be broadcast. The weekly Portuguese Programme takes place, as usual on Tuesday evening, between 7.30 and 8 o'clock, and this is followed by an hour of Classical Requests.

After the 9 o'clock News and News Commentary from London, the third of a series of recorded talks by the Archbishop of York on the "Hope of the World" will be broadcast. This will be followed by excerpts from Musical Comedy and from 10 until the Station closes at 11 o'clock, there is a programme of dance music interspersed with vocal variety items.

Following the 8 o'clock time signal on Wednesday night, there will be a Baritone Recital from the Studio of ZBW by L. Jordan, accompanied by E. O'Neill Shaw at the piano; after which follows an Orchestral and Violin Programme. The talk by Father G. Byrne, which was advertised to take place between 8.30 and 8.50 has been cancelled. The weekly news letter from Free China will follow the 9 o'clock London News, and at 10 o'clock the fourth of a series of talks on "Drama of Yesterday and To-day, with excerpts from Famous Plays by the Studio Players, will be heard from the Studio.

The greater part of Thursday's programmes are of light variety and dance music. At 8.15 p.m. there is the local Newsletter from the Studio and the transmission ends with three-quarters of an hour of the music of Beethoven, including his "Coriolan" Overture, Eleven Viennese Dances and Cello and Piano Sonata in C Major.

### Haydn's Military Symphony

At lunch time of Friday, Haydn's "Military" Symphony will be heard immediately after the 1 o'clock time signal. Following the 7 o'clock News and "Questions of the Hour" from London, Tchaikowsky's "Casse Noisette," played by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, will be broadcast. The second act of Verdi's "La Traviata" will be heard between 8 and 9 o'clock that night and, at 9.15 p.m. immediately after the News from London, there will be a talk, based on the studio of ZBW entitled "Why not 'Middle-brow'?" by Dr William Lovelock of the Trinity College of Music; this will be illustrated by gramophone records. At 10 p.m., O. M. Green's Newsletter will be relayed from London, and the transmission ends with three-quarters of an hour of Dance Music.

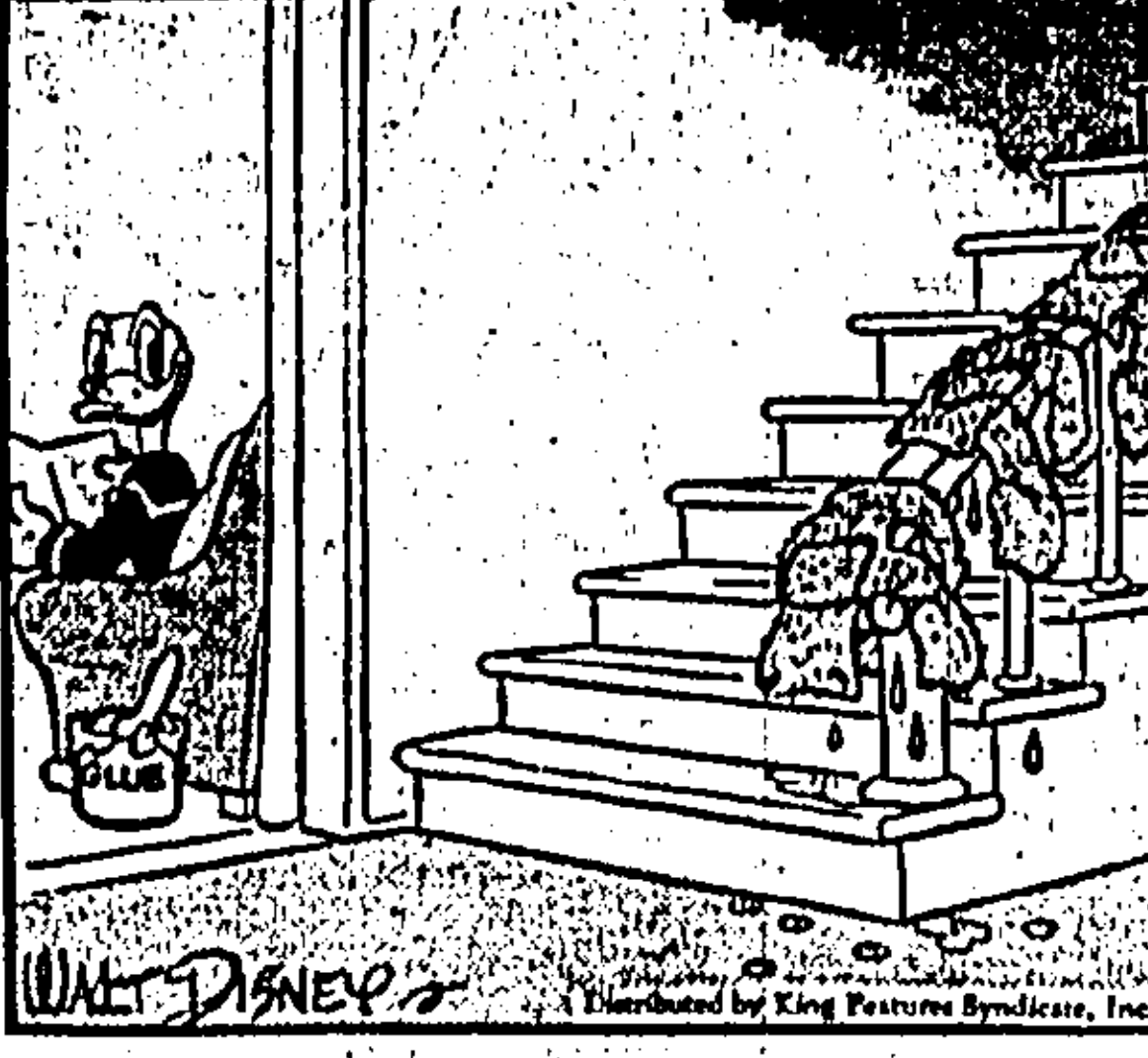
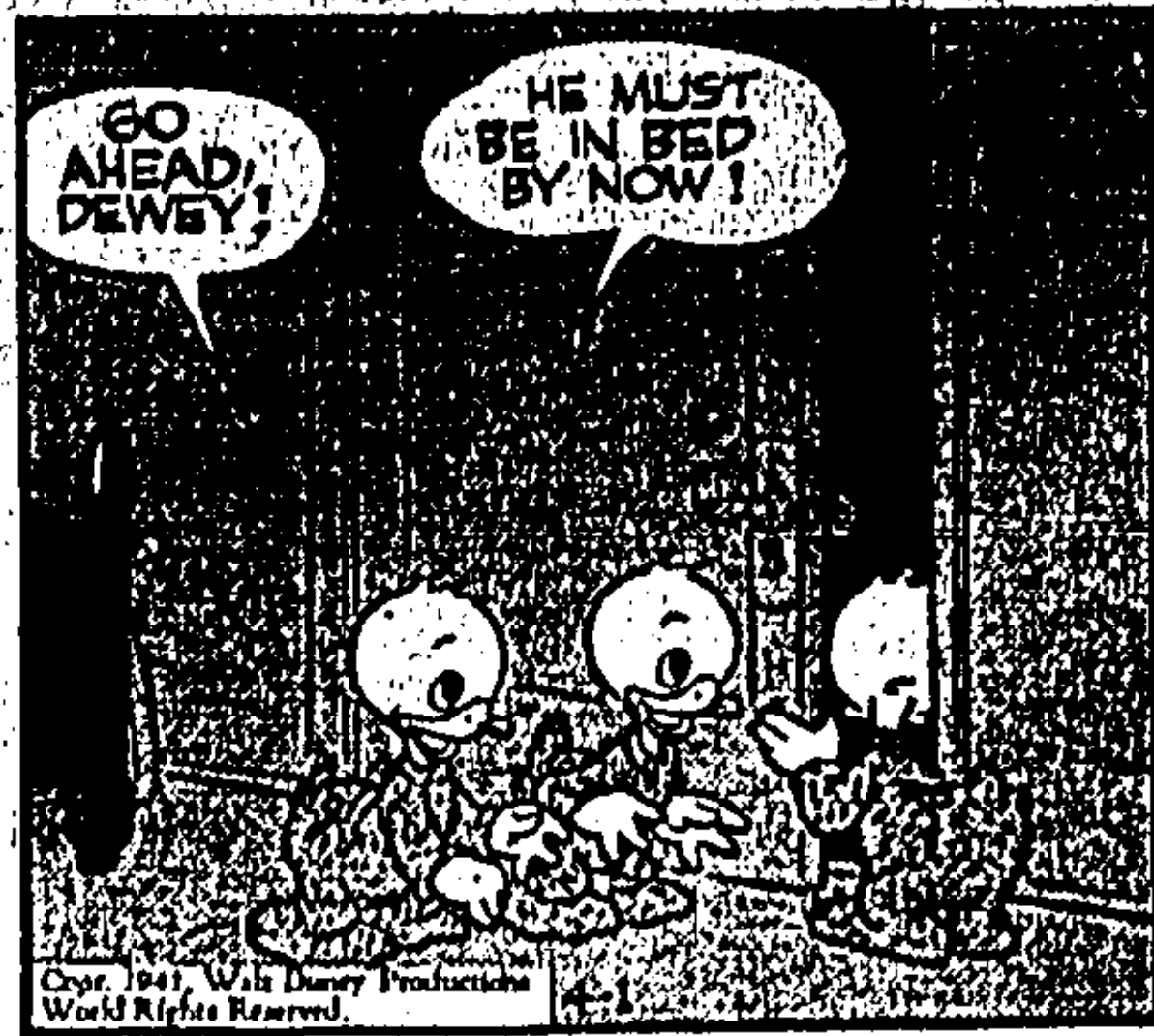
Saturday's luncheon programme opens with Saint-Saens' "Concerto in G Minor" played by Arthur de Greef and the New Symphony Orchestra. The rest of that transmission is of light variety. The evening programme opens with Aubert's "Crown Diamonds" Overture which is followed by D'Indy's Suite for Flute, Violin, Cello and Harp. At 7.30 p.m. as usual on Saturday night, a Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East will be relayed from London. After London's variety programme "Happidrome" from 10 to 11 o'clock that night, there is an hour of Dance Music which closes the transmission at midnight.

Haydn's "London" Symphony opens Sunday's luncheon programme. There will be no talk from London at 10 o'clock last night and therefore the Bach programme which commences at 9.45 p.m. will continue for half an hour.

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Two pictures of China's rising young womanhood, healthy and alert to to-day's problems. They are students of the True Light School—engaging in anti-gas drill, at left, and resting between athletics, below. (Photos: New China Newspapers).

out free China. More than 13,000 are reported working in the new industrial co-operative movement which is sweeping China's vast interior. War has made Chinese women aware of the world

## War Thrusts Opportunity Upon China's Women

From the peasant grandmother whose only weapon in dealing with a spy was her knitting needles, to slender Madame Chiang Kai-shek, "the boss' wife" to 400,000,000 people, Chinese women more and more are getting into the country's fight against Japan.

The old peasant woman is merely one of thousands of women who are doing anything they can to help out. She was acting as a roadside passport inspector in the hills near the Japanese lines, and was knitting a sock for the boys at the front as she guarded the road.

A suspicious-looking Chinese fled when she demanded to see his passport, so she gave chase and captured him though she was armed only with her knitting needles. He was declared to be a spy in Japanese pay.

### Facing The Future

The average Chinese woman may not play such a valorous role in China's gallant struggle to survive. But, like all women at war, she tries to maintain her broken family and do war work at the same time. She knits, rolls bandages, makes uniforms, dispenses first aid, feeds orphans, nurses the wounded, weeps over her slain, and faces the future with the courage born of necessity.

At the same time she may be working in a small factory or otherwise earning her daily bread in some one of the new jobs that have opened up for women in China, according to J. D. White, Associated Press correspondent, who has returned to the United States after nearly nine years in China. Mr. White has watched the development of the Japanese-Chinese war from the vantage point of Peiping, and has travelled through much of North China, Inner Mongolia, and Manchuria under war conditions.

Chinese women are emerging only gradually from the seclusion of centuries. Though binding the feet of girl children is now very rare, there

still are millions of Chinese women who stomp through life on deformed feet—marks of the day in China when women were part of a social system which defined a woman's place as strictly behind family walls. To-day the unbound foot is a symbol of what is happening to Chinese women. Having more freedom, they travel farther; do and learn more than did their mothers and grandmothers.

### Women Awakening

This "liberating" Chinese process of "liberating" Chinese women was well under way when war with Japan began. But it had left untouched literally millions of women in the back country. To-day China's "back-woods" are the centre of Chinese war effort. Here the awakening women are finding opportunity thrust upon them.

Among the more spectacular "new women" of China are the 20,000 girls reported to be working among the guerrillas.

"I have known some of these girls," says Mr. White. "They were college and high-school students when the war began. Many of them came from wealthy families, but they left luxurious homes, and either fled before the Japanese advance or slipped through the lines afterward to live the life of a peasant. To-day, instead of high heels they wear straw sandals. Where they used to wear the latest Shanghai creations, they now dress in plain cotton gowns or slacks suits. Where once they had good food, they now live frugally. They live among the farm folk of the interior, organising them for resistance against the Japanese. They write and stage propaganda plays, do welfare work, teach first aid, and nurse the wounded—in addition to holding down regular jobs in hundreds of new schools set up to teach farm families to read and write."

Girls from the cities do all this only after going through a basic military course where they learn the rudiments of handling a rifle and carrying on guerrilla warfare. Some graduate to actual military service. From the Canton region come reports of one young woman who was so clever at guerrilla strategy that she has become the leader of several thousand raiders who harry the Japanese.

Latest reports state that 5,000 women are working in new cotton factories through-

outside. More than 4,000,000 peasant women, Chinese estimate, have had a whole new life opened up to them since the war began by simply learning to read. These women are looking forward to the vote that has been promised them after the war is over and China "becomes a real democracy." Before, such ideas would have been incomprehensible to million of Chinese women.

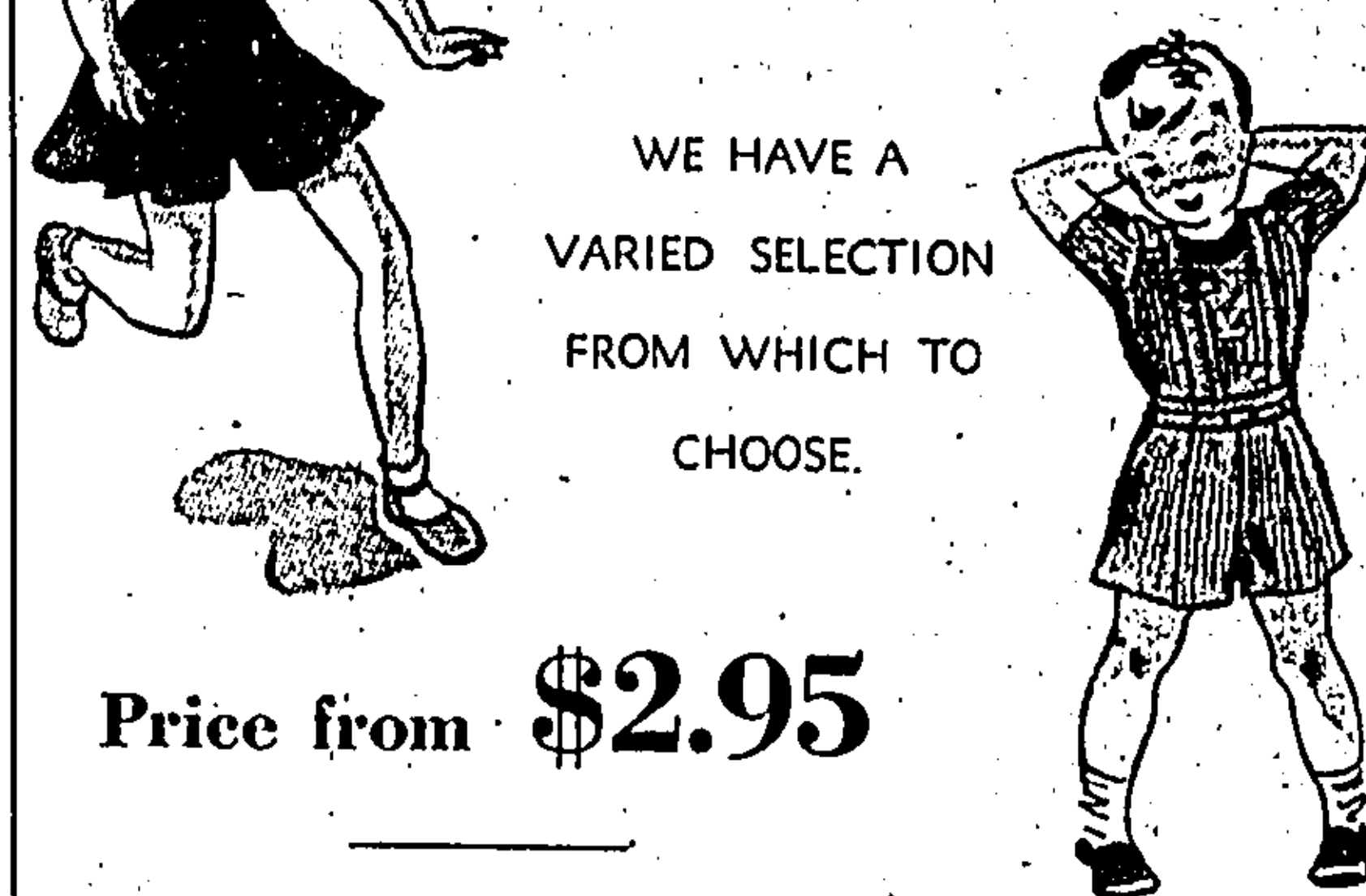
The world looks to Madame Chiang Kai-shek as the personification of Chinese womanhood at war. This frail, American-educated leader of women is known to her intimates as May-Ling (her given name) and has done everything from running an air force at the beginning of the war to nursing war orphans.

She rises at 5 a.m. with the Generalissimo, and works with him throughout the day when she isn't out doing relief work, rolling bandages, or organising other women for more relief work. Having converted the Generalissimo to Christianity before their marriage, Madame Chiang acts as his closest adviser, his confidential secretary and interpreter, his "contact man" for dozens of prominent personalities whom she influences through her well-known charm. The way to get an appointment with the Generalissimo is "see the Madame first."

Now "grounded" from her former job as chief of China's air force, Madame Chiang still holds a position on the national air force council. Her chief duties away from home, however, are finding and financing homes and jobs for war orphans, refugees, and disabled soldiers.



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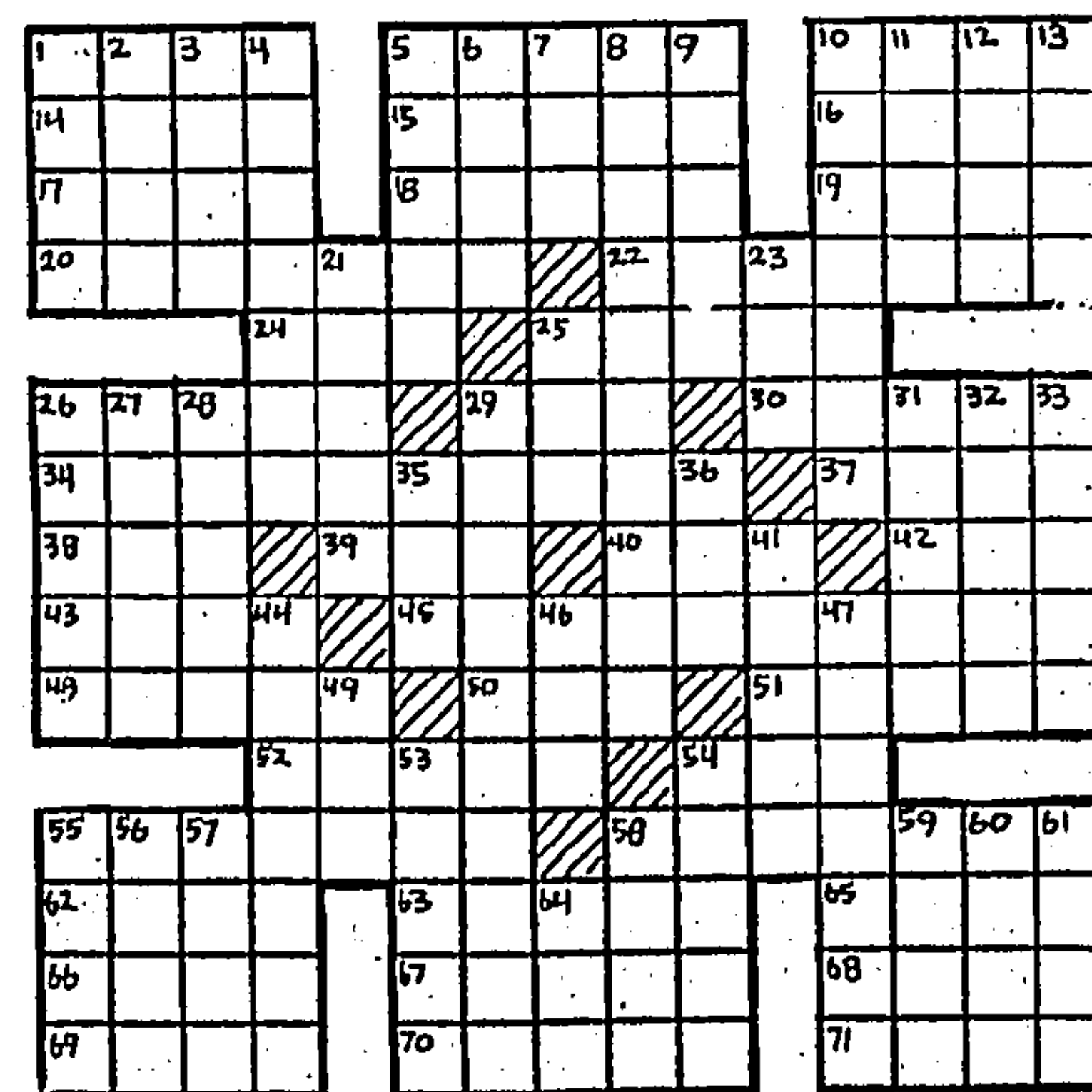
By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- Indian province
  - Reading
  - Known facts
  - District in Chicago
  - Force applied at
  - Wrecking
  - Ancient native name for Ireland
  - Extract information from
  - Wretched
  - Coin factory
  - Arouse suddenly
  - Bend outwards from point
  - Edible grain
  - Perishing
  - Brilliant part
  - Depart
  - Play on words
  - Ray of light
  - Superior trait
  - Let it stand
  - Little island
  - Director (abbr.)
  - Possessed
  - Man's name
  - Blackberry
  - In airy manner
  - Small aquatic birds
  - Help
  - Apparitions
  - Strike with dull sound
  - Added to
  - Mundane
  - Religious zealot
  - Century-plant
  - Flower extract
  - Ripped apart

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SCIENCE BENTE

- DOWN
- Scattered about
  - Take off skin
  - Peruvian plant
  - Reduced
  - Process to
  - Expenditures
  - Apply special
  - Process to
  - Bestows by will
  - Eight color
  - Poker set
  - Oriental weights
  - Pat sorty
  - Center of solar system
  - In smallest degree
  - Expiation
  - Line of verse of
  - Player
  - In applied
  - Opposition
  - European blackbird
  - Scum
  - Civil War general
  - Heating organ
  - Crude person
  - Supplinate
  - Point at pelvis
  - Ventilates
  - That girl
  - Not suitable
  - Burned out
  - South-African
  - Dutch
  - Insisted
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  - Currency unit
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### BOMBING OF CIVILIANS

THE brave words of the news reports, the success of Royal Air Force night fighters and the minimising of damage achieved by the Herculean labours of civilian defence forces cannot altogether suppress the thrill of horror at the latest savage bombing of London and the acts of vandalism wrought on such world-known institutions as Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament.

Portsmouth and the Merseyside recently had their weeks of intensive night bombing with great loss to civilian life and property. The poor in London have had their homes blown skyhigh many times now. Each fresh wave of destruction brings forward again the question of retributive bombing; a natural desire to bring home to the German citizen the sort of code his proud air force executes abroad. A recent poll on this subject in England found a growing weight of sentiment behind punishing the German civilians for the sins of their armed forces by area bombing as against precision bombing, but it is doubtful whether we shall do this; at least without prior warning to the town to be assailed. That would be rather a Quixotic idea exposing our own air force to concentrated defence fire and would perhaps be wasted on the Prussian mind. The idea might be successful however, if the Royal Air Force succeeded in making the area uninhabitable for a time.

The progress of the war has established by now, however, that indiscriminate bombing cannot win a victory. It can reduce the resources and suppress the free life of a country but a determined people will not be cowed by it and an active leadership will devise largely adequate defences. Thus the blitzkrieg over Britain has fallen far short of the boasts of Hitler and Goering. True the air has been black with the wings of the invaders sweeping right across the countryside—but the air has been made considerably clearer on the return trip by the Royal Air Force.

The raids on the civilians of Britain have united the country where Hitler hoped to divide it; they have underscored the ignoble character of the German fighter where instead it might have been whitewashed; they have taught us in time a lesson in preparedness from which at long last, under the lash of the Luftwaffe, we are profiting in deadly earnest.

One of the things we should do when Germany is beaten to her knees, is to make a mass daylong raid on Berlin after all the inhabitants have been given a week to evacuate. The ashes of that city would be a fitting memorial to all that the Germans are fighting for in this war.

### By HELEN WALKER DUNCAN

Dozens of women and children from Hongkong mingled with the dense crowds which swarmed throughout the Sydney Showground to witness the Royal Empire Show during Easter week.

We thought that, by now, we were used to crowds in the city streets, but I am sure none of us have ever jostled and pushed amongst so many people before.

The Showground is a little city within the city of Sydney and, during the ten days of the exhibition, a great human tide (besprinkled with "sticky-beaks" from Hongkong) flowed with difficulty along the 14 miles of roadway. Exhibition halls and pavilions were choked with eager, struggling sample hunters. Happy crowds in holiday mood enjoyed all the fun of the fair around the side-shows, and a huge throng, packed tightly around the great arena, was thrilled every day by the brilliant cavalcade of the Grand Parade and ring events.

In the early days—way back in the 1840's—agricultural shows or fairs were held at Parramatta, just outside Sydney.

### Broke New Ground

By 1869, the influence of Sydney asserted itself, and that year a show was held in the Prince Alfred Park. An exhibition building was built there a year later and housed the first Inter-Colonial Exhibition in Sydney.

For several years, shows man clock were staged every were held there but, in 1882, evening by members of the first show was held at defence services, police, and what is now officially termed women's war organisations. ed the "Showground."

Since our arrival from patriotic tableau, was staged Hongkong last year, we by members of the police evacuates have been told force. Each of the hour much about Sydney's annual figures on the gigantic clock show. We were told that was outlined by police in one Royal Show looked very blue uniforms and police much like any other but we cadets in physical culture were eager to see it. Though singlets and white trousers. new to us, however, we The hands of the clock were



A general view of the Showground

## Evacuates Enjoy Sydney's Royal Empire Show

could sense that this year's exhibition broke new ground as an Empire rather than as a purely Australian pageant. It is claimed for the Easter Show that, apart from being a national stocktaking of Australia's primary and secondary industries, it is one of the nation's biggest money spinners.

Daily there was a long programme of ring events, wood-chopping and an Empire pageant. Every evening there was also a rodeo in which men from the out-back threw steers with their bare hands. Men and girls clung incredibly to buck-jumpers, risked injuries from flying hooves, fell, remounted and tried again.

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represented by police in red reached in the Hall of Manu- and white uniforms of toy factories, where the elabor- soldiers. They moved slowly staged "Temple of ly around the clock—the Beauty" was being exhibit- hour hand men taking half ed.

One day, a jam occurred a quarter of the way down the different hours, the flag crowd pushed their way of the country represented back to the door. A pers- was lifted and the police pining constable tried to band and choir sang the hold us back, shouting des- national song of that coun- pairingly, "I'm sorry, but I try. When seven o'clock cannot let you back. You was reached, the British flag must go forward." Women was raised and the commen- cried out, "You must let us tator spoke of Hongkong out. We will faint."

"where the British men; With scores of people parted from their loved backing up trying to push ones, are holding high the their way out, the position began to look desperate when the constable and a Show official decided to ignore the regulations and petitions were among the open another door to let the most popular features of the surplus people out. There were so many ex- hibits in the various halls that I find it difficult to re- member them all in detail. There were pyramids of fruit in the Agricultural Hall; a fine exhibition of pigeons; poultry entries; dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeds in the dog ring and magnificent blooms in the Horticultural Hall.

Every day, the ring of the axe could be heard as it cut its way through scores of 10-inch logs. Stalwarts from the big timber country were in action, chopping huge logs, sawing gigantic limbs and performing miracles of balanced dexterity as they swung their axes 15 feet above the ground. Back-

The sideshows—too, with their popple of steam or- gans and the cries of show- men, were popular with thousands of visitors. There was the thinnest man in the world; a 42-stone girl; the "Missing Link"; Ubangi the dwarf and Boris the big of the finest cattle and man. There was also a gentleman whose secret ray suspended frying pans in who crowded the stands and the air and cooked eggs in fences. This parade is ac- them. A rival showman offered to suspend his assist- spectacle of its kind in the ant in space without the use of a ray and without proposing to fry eggs on around the arena in a seem- ingly endless procession, while the sun shone on their well-groomed coats. The parade and the ring of events were broadcast through dozens of loud- speakers to the thousands of people crowded in the stands. Occasionally, in the midst of some such descrip- tion, would come an urgent call for Mrs X to proceed immediately to the lost chil- dren's tent in order to pick up her wandering tribe, or an S.O.S. would be broadcast from somebody's aunt who was still waiting at the cor- ner for her nephew.

The show closed down with the traditional child- ren's day, which was greatly enjoyed by many thousands swarmed to all parts of the grounds. Many Hongkong children, enjoying their Easter holidays from school, had the time of their lives that day at the show. Many exhibitors and stand-holders sold out their products cheaply during the last day of the Show. Women scrambled for vegetables and preserves as the district ex- hibits were sold, and one bevy of small boys attempt- ed to carry away a huge pumpkin offered to them by an exhibitor "if they could lift it."

Every exhibition hall throughout the Show was packed uncomfortably day after day. Frequently wo- men had to be assisted and one which will be long through the press of remembered by everybody, people to fresh air. The especially the evacuates peak of congestion was from Hongkong.

## PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE Seconds Out of the Ring!

AN idiotic conversation breaks out in a sudden burst, like rice from a torn bag. We have been out in the wilds, learning the important art of creeping and crawling.

The idea is, to emulate the serpent, and get along on the points of one's ribs. One protruding haunch may betray the whereabouts of a whole section.

We have been approaching a point covered by a light machine gun. The Kid from Widnes, drunk with the joy of firing blank ammunition, has, according to a very conservative estimate, met his death 37 times. - Siberia ought to be wounded in a place he could not with glory boast about. We are, nevertheless, learning how to do it.

And now, having been permitted to fall out for a smoke, we find ourselves talking unmitigated balderdash.

"My old woman," says the Old Soldier, "talks tripe. She says why don't Hitler and Churchill 'ave a set-to all by themselves, and settle the war that way?"

"That wouldn't be fair," says Widnes. "Hitler's the younger man. Old Winnie's getting on in years."

"I dunno," says the Lad from the Elephant and Castle. "Ole Winnie's got plenty go in 'im. It's the fighting spirit, see, 'Winnie breathes 'eavy," says the Old Soldier.

"Don't you believe it," says Widnes. "Hitler breathes worse."

"You know what?" says the Man from Leicester. "If it come to that, we could sort of make a feller Oi know, a feller called Brummy Joe, Prime Minister, jus for the toime being. Brummy Joe's a terror. It took eight coppers to pinch 'im once."

"Tommy Farr'd be better says the Old Soldier. "E could go over wiv 'is Foreign Minister," says the Lad. "We could make Len Arvey Foreign Minister."

"War Minister," says Widnes. "Nah, it couldn't be done," says the Old Soldier. "Why not?" asks Widnes. "Why'd do politics?" "They could make an arrange- ment," says Leicester. "Hitler wouldn't fight," says the Lad.

"Ed 'ave to," says the Kid from Widnes. "It'd be a diplomatic arrangement." "Hitler'd fight dirty," says the Lad. "So would Brummy Joe," insists Leicester. "E carries a foot o' lead pipe covered w' rubber bands orf beer-bottle corks."

"Would they charge an entrance fee?" asks Widnes. "Bob a 'ead," says the Lad. "Make a packet." "I bet there wouldn't halt be some excitement," says Leicester. "With us and the Jerries in the audience." "Proper rough-house," says the Lad.

"We'd all 'ave a go," says Widnes. "It'd be just like a war," says the Old Soldier. "But we're 'aving a war now," says the lad.

"Blimy, so we are!" says Widnes. "Put them fags out and fall in," says the Sergeant.

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# WHAT INVASION WOULD BE LIKE

General Sir Ronald Adam, Commander-in-Chief of the Northern Army, gave his impression recently of what Hitler's threatened invasion of Britain would be like.

He dispelled popular notions that it would be a mere two-after swift victory. His forecast was of enemy troops making many isolated feints to prepare for mass attack elsewhere, and day after day, with the business of the nation continuing "as usual" of large areas left undisturbed by all forms of warfare except air raids.

In my opinion (he said) invasion is Hitler's only chance of winning. If he is going to try it, I think he will do so before next winter.

Any attempt at it now will be four times more difficult than it would have been last autumn. It is an appalling task. If all people keep their heads—as I feel sure they will—Hitler cannot win.

There is perhaps a wrong idea in the minds of many people in Britain on what invasion will mean.

People think in terms of everyone going to meet the attack, and of all normal activities coming to an end for a couple of days, after which the threat will be over.

**Many Feints**

But invasion is not a matter that will involve the whole population. It will probably consist of feints at some points, followed by a strong attack at others.

The rest of the country will be comparatively peaceful except for bombing. Wherever possible people will have to carry on with their jobs. Cows, for instance, must be milked and the other animals looked after.

The Germans may seek to create confusion by giving the impression that they are using parachute troops wearing British uniforms or in civilian clothes.

But I know of no proved example of German parachute troops coming down in Dutch or Belgian uniforms during their invasion of those countries.

Such a procedure is fraught with many difficulties.

Tanks and more tanks are the answer to the threat of invasion. I am happy to say that those tanks are coming along very well.

**Took A Chance**

The Army has trained hard during the winter. I took a chance then by bringing men away from the beaches so that they could undergo other forms of training. The result had been a steady building up of strength all the time.

It can also be said that the Home Guard has come on amazingly. I never expected them to stick it as they have done. They are splendid fellows and I have every faith in them.

## Germans Seize The Co-Ops

Retail shops of the German co-operative societies will be given to German ex-Servicemen after the war, it is announced in Berlin.

The Nazis are offering this built to grumbling soldiers and Party members.

A decree has been issued transferring the property of Co-ops to the German Labour Front as a first step. One of Hitler's main pledges to the shopkeepers before he seized power is thus to be fulfilled after a delay of more than eight years.

He had promised the suppression of co-operative societies and stores, but instead he maintained them under Nazi supervision. Thousands of the Nazi "Old Guard" were given jobs in the societies, but millions of private shopkeepers never forgave Hitler for failing to keep his promise.

## Dummy Rifles In Tomb

Rumours that a secret arsenal had been discovered in a stone tomb in a Salisbury churchyard were soon dispelled.

These rumours flow round the town after police had been soon investigating the tomb at night.

Rifles were in fact found—but they were of the wooden theatrical type and quite useless.

The police were merely inquiring into a report that children had been playing with rifles in the churchyard. It is thought that the dummy rifles were thrust into the tomb for cheap storage.

## Raid Kills 'Snake Hips' Johnson

Two well-known West End figures have been killed in recent bombing of London—M. Martinus Poulsen, owner of the Cafe de Paris and Cafe Anglais, and Ken ("Snake Hips") Johnson, 25-year-old coloured dance band leader.

Ken Johnson had for nearly two years been well known for his "hot music" band and had broadcast.

M. Poulsen, who was 50, was from Denmark and began his career in London washing a Bloomsbury boarding house steps for 5s. a week.

Then he entered the restaurant business, rose to become famous as a food and entertainment expert. Once, in 19 months, along with partners, he spent £100,000 on cafe floor shows.

**Known as "Martin"**

At one time M. Poulsen shared ownership of London cafes worth £300,000. His Cafe de Paris was a £100,000 venture. Short, dapper, Martinus Poulsen was known as Martin to millionaires, royal guests at his cafes called him by his Christian name.

## Forbidden To Broadcast

**Lord Ponsonby's Case**

Lord Ponsonby, who is a pacifist, disclosed in the Lords recently that the Minister of Information had forbidden him to broadcast.

He had previously made a sharp attack on Sir Robert Vansittart, the Government's chief diplomatic adviser, for his broadcasts on Germany, now published in pamphlet form.

He declared that Sir Robert's indictment of a whole nation over hundreds of years, supported by inaccurate arguments, weakened our case against the Nazis and was likely to rally Germans again to the leader who was such an unfortunate influence for them.

## Odd Job Boy Built Ships

Sixty-six years ago a poor boy of 13 walked into a ship-chandler's shop in Butte Docks, Cardiff, and asked to be taken on to do odd jobs.

After saving every penny for sixteen years he was able to start in business on his own account as a ship's store merchant.

In a few more years he was making a large fortune as a ship-owner and shipbuilder.

A few weeks ago he died, aged 79, nationally known as Sir William Seager.

## Dunera Inquiry In Camera

Captain Margesson, War Minister, rejected a suggestion in the Commons recently that the Dunera court of inquiry should be held in public.

The inquiry was ordered following allegations about the behaviour of troops guarding interned aliens while journeying in the liner to Australia.

Asked if the court would deal with punishment to the guilty, the Minister replied:

"The first thing is to get to the facts. Preliminary investigations are in progress."



**IN U. S. FOR STUDY**—Bullet-riddled German Messerschmitt 110 fighting plane arrives in Los Angeles for inspection and study at Vultee aircraft plant. Plane was shot down over England. Vultee officials said four American makes of planes were as good as or better than this one.

## SHEILA SANG AS BLITZ RAGED

While bombs crashed outside a Cardiff cinema ringed by fires recently a child's voice, piping high amid the din, held 600 cine-muggers spellbound.

It said: "Let me sing." The buzz of conversation ceased as the treble notes of 10-year-old Sheila Phillips rang out, inspiring calm and confidence.

While the Blitz was at its height the cinema manager had played gramophone records and led community singing. Then he called for a singer. It was then that little Sheila responded.

"How that little girl led them was just wonderful," said the manager. Sheila, a pretty, flower-haired child, said: "Was I frightened? Not me. Never had time for it. I just jumped at the chance of singing."

**First Chance**

You see, I always wanted to be a star. My favourite is Deanna Durbin. When I go to the pictures and see her films, I sing with her.

"I could hear the bombs crashing, but I had to remember my words. I sang 'Never Break a Promise.' Mummy taught it me on the piano."

"This is the first chance I have had at trying it out."

Sheila is hoping to go on the films. Recently she stepped forward when a talent spotter attended a Cardiff cinema and invited songs.

"But I'm afraid you're too young at ten," Sheila's father told her. "Try again when you are 12."

## British Troops Like Thrillers

British troops on every front like to spend their spare time reading.

Thrillers are the greatest favourites, but Service men like serious literature, too, Major Donovan Jackson, who controls the distribution of books from the Services Central Book Depot, Handel Street, Bloomsbury, told a reporter.

"There is a considerable demand for biography, travel books and memoirs."

Since the depot began working 14 months ago, over 5,000,000 books have been sent out, besides 3,000,000 magazines.

Books may be handed over the counters of Post Offices in England to be sent free to the central depot.

## Even Refrigerators Give For Defence

The prosaic family refrigerator is going to be called upon to do its part for the U.S. defence programme.

The Office of Production Management plans to ask all refrigerator manufacturers to eliminate aluminium ice trays as a means of saving the metal needed for defence industries.

Trays of glass, plastics and other metals have been mentioned as substitutes.

## Post-War Scholarship Scheme

A huge post-war scholarship scheme for members of the Forces and Civil Defence Services, both men and women, is being favourably examined by the Government.

This was revealed in the House of Commons recently by the President of the Board of Education, Mr Herwald Ramsbotham, in an answer to a question by Mr John Parker, Labour member for Romford.

Mr Parker suggested that to afford encouragement to education in the Services the Board of Education should prepare and announce a scheme for 5,000 scholarships.

These would be made available to all ranks after the war at universities and technical colleges, and would cover board, lodging, and maintenance.

**Considering Plans**

Mr Ramsbotham replied that following consultations with Mr Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, he was appointing an inter-departmental committee to consider plans that would enable suitable persons, both men and women, who have served in the armed or civil defence forces to obtain further education or training.

It is likely that the scheme will not be limited to 5,000 and that it will be a much more comprehensive scheme than that which followed the last war.

## Help For Debtors Hit By War

Legislation to enable business men who have been hit by the war to carry on is to be introduced almost immediately by the British Government.

Purpose of the Bill is to relieve people—particularly small shopkeepers and men with little businesses—who are hampered by debts.

At present there is a moratorium on debts, but the interest is piling up against the debtors with the result that many are actually dreading the end of the war.

**May Be Wiped Out**

The Government's measure will set up special conciliation machinery to assist creditors and debtors to reach an amicable settlement of their affairs. Failing agreement the matter will be dealt with by the ordinary courts, which will have power to enforce a settlement.

At present the only resource left to a penniless debtor is to go bankrupt and most people shrink from that.

Under the Bill debts may be reduced or abolished altogether.

## Kiss Starts Epidemic

A girl's kiss has caused an epidemic of diphtheria in a soldiers' camp.

To prevent the spread of the outbreak the local medical officer of health advised girls in the area not to kiss their boy friends.

Mr T. D. Allen-Price, the doctor in question, told the Tavistock Urban District Council that "kissing is the best way of catching diphtheria."

But he wanted to be human about it.

"You can't expect any girl to stop kissing," he told a reporter. "The 'close contact' spreading of germs can be checked by sucking suitable lozenges."

## Hitler's "Mein Kampf" Is Banned In France

One method used by Adolph Hitler to alter the culture of subjugated peoples is graphically illustrated in the recent exhibition in the Princeton University Library of books which have been put on the proscribed list by the Nazi authorities and ordered to be withdrawn from sale in Occupied France.

Most of the volumes were drawn from the fields of history, civics, geography, and politics, particularly books on Communism. Also included were many children's books, primers and language texts.

A French translation of Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was on the list and is explained by the fact the book is intended for the use of German readers and not for subjugated peoples.

The biography of President Roosevelt by Emil Ludwig is proscribed, as are the works of Thomas Mann, Albert Einstein, Stefan Zweig, Vicki Baum, and H. G. Wells.

**"All Quiet" Banned**

Works which discourage the use of war as a method of attaining social change are among those that the French people are forbidden to read.

"Civilization," a straight-forward account of the activities of a military surgeon, by Georges Duhamel, and "All Quiet on the Western Front," by Erich Maria Remarque, are two such volumes which are on display.

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# Teams Limbering-Up For League

## Tulsa Trample Chung Hwa Youngsters Underfoot: R. Engineers Trowned

(By "Ball Fan")

Continuing their spring training, limbering-up sessions, local baseball teams dished up two more pre-season exhibition games over the week-end in heat-perspiring weather at the sun baked sand dunes of the Caroline Hill ball park, as ball fans throughout the Colony continue to dope out the chances of each team this season in real hot stove fashion.

Grandpa Leung's Chung Hwa Maroons went down to their second straight southern training defeat as Tulsa's mighty "R. Engineers" trounced them on a 12-4 "heh heh" win. The local Chinese "Connie Mack" had a gang of youngsters out there just up from the sandlots, who were taking in their first game under the big tent, and they showed a clear degree of back yard ball and inexperience in their peppery efforts to retain a spot on the Chinese major league team this year.

TAKING a force shattering lead in the first two frames, Uncle Sam's hard-hitting sailors found a loop-hole in the offerings of Chinese hurler Al Lau to connect for thirteen solid safeties with successive crashing homers by slugger Maxwell and shortstop Al Simmons featuring a 5th inning two run scoring attack.

Playing in torrid tropical heat which had the ball players and fans sweating to the core, the brand of ball dished up by both teams had a "weary-labelled" tag marked all over it, with a few of the diamond artists stripping to the waist or relief from the intense humidity.

Tulsa's starting moundman, "Mac" MacLennan opened up in highly confident style, but weakened terribly in the 3rd canto to walk six Chinese Maroons who only garnered two runs in this generous free pass melee. Relief hurler Strickland tossed a steady game the next four frames to hold the Chinese to one solitary blow.

F. F. Choy and Forrest Leung, Chung Hwa's steady outfield duo and veteran stars of last year's heated season, came through with brilliant fly-shagging displays out there in the sand pastures, to nip in the well-known bud, many Tulsa scoring threats. The two veterans appear to be rounding out rapidly into mid-season form and coach "Connie Mack" Leung is banking heavily on these two outfield gems to be standout stars this year.

Second string tosser Bill Chang, coming up to the slab in the 6th canto was greeted with a shower of baseballs, including a sizzling double by Pete Peterson. Four Tulsa tallies denied the out-platter in this frame as the mighty T. rode home with their third straight spring training triumph.

DHUN Ruttonjee's H.B. Brewsters—sparked-off—their season's campaign with a big 10-1 opening exhibition victory over the Royal Engineers.

Hurling classy ball in his first mound effort of the year, the slab artist Dave Leonard cashed in with a "ding ho" tossing performance to limit the Sappers with five measly bingles. "Hot tamale" Dave's fireball had the Engineers in a guessing mood as he sent out six via the whiff route.

The beer kings opened up in the 2nd stanza when Baby Abbas singled to centre, stole second and third, and crossed the platter with the first tally on a wild throw to first by Sapper moundman Sarsfield.

The Leonardmen added three more runs in the next frame with A. K. Omar, Showboat Ali and Jindoo Hussain cruising home on a single and two errors after Tarzan Ismail was tagged out at second.

The Royal Engineers checked in with their lone tally in the 3rd on a single by Vic Foley who stole second, took third on a passed ball and rushed home on an overthrow.

Leonard's beermen added three more markers in the 4th inning, and finished off with a two run attack in the 5th when Charlie Manson opened up with a single followed by A.

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## Weekend Stars

Al Simmons and Maxwell, Tulsa power clouting attack with a prodigious homer, double and single to drive in six tallies with a spectacular hickory-wielding performance; latter also figured in the devastating attack with a circuit clout and single besides differing three bags and coming home with three runs.

Dave Leonard and Baby Abbas, H.B. Beer—The old bam surprised his most ardent supporters by hurling a steady game to set the Engineers down with five measly bingles and a lone tally, striking out six Sappers in the rout; latter's run in the second frame started the heavy clouting Brewers on their run scoring spurge.

## U.S. National Breast-stroke Record Broken

BUFFALO, N.Y., May 2 (Reuter).—Little Patty Aspinall, known as "The Minnow with the Flying Fish Style," smashed the National Women's 220-yard breast stroke record at the age of 14 at the Women's Senior Amateur Athletic Union Swimming Championships here.

She covered the distance in 3:07.8 minutes, slicing 1.2 seconds from the record set in 1940 by Fujiko Katsunori of Honolulu.

Patty swam the whole way using the difficult "flying fish" stroke, in which the arms are brought out of the water in a double overhand fashion, instead of the orthodox underwater breast stroke.

## 'Spurs Player Killed In Flying Accident

CARBERRY, Man., April 7 (UP).—Leading All-Canada David M. Wesley, 27, fatally injured in a flying accident near the Royal Air Force training school here, was a prominent college athlete and before the war a member of the famous Tottenham Hotspurs soccer team.

He was fatally injured early Friday when he made a forced landing near No. 33 Service Training School, 100 miles west of Winnipeg, after a routine night flight. He died in hospital several hours later.

## London Graduate

A graduate of London University, Wesley was prominent in rugby and as an amateur boxer during his college years. He was heavyweight boxing champion at the university seven years ago. Prior to the war he taught languages in intermediate schools in London.

An aunt, Mrs. S. Sair, lives at North Battleford.

## Adamson Cup Golf

J. M. Thomson 77-8=68, and M. A. Cairns 68-18=86 tied and qualified for the May competition of the Adamson Cup at Happy Valley Golf Course during the week-end.

K. Omar who took first on an infield error; showboat Ali's stinging double to right drove in his two mates to end a high-scoring brewery win. In their initial ball playing appearance of the season at the training section of the Caroline Hill sand dunes, H.B.'s beermen seem to have a permanent spring lineup that has real classy hitting power with plenty of experience and ball sense out there on the diamond, and should start as one of the favoured nines when the season rolls around in the near future.

BRINGING a grand ball season to a highly successful climax, the annual softball dinner dance held over the week-end in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel went off with-out a hitch as a gala crowd of soft-ball players and gashouse fans made merry to the sweet tones of Art Carneiro and his tic toe rhythm makers.

Addressing the large gathering from a well-defined spot at the "make" President Middleton gave a brief but clear review of soft-ball doings during the past year, and thanked players, managers and all connected with the game for their fine efforts in bringing soft-ball to its present pinnacle in the realm of local sport.

Prizes were distributed by Mrs. Li Kwok-ying and Mrs. Dhun Ruttonjee, and the large gathering made "heh heh" until the early hours of the morning.



Bill Chang (Chung Hwa catcher) dropped the ball and Tulsa scored one as seen in the picture.—Ming Yuen.

## Cricket In America Firmly Established Figures For 1940 Season

SAN FRANCISCO.—Cricket in the United States has gone along in such an unobtrusive manner since its introduction in 1751 that it is not generally known that it is played each summer from Boston to San Diego and from San Francisco to Philadelphia.

According to the Illinois Cricket Annual, there are nearly 100 clubs competing for various Association or League honours each season.

New York State leads with 32 clubs (divided into four competitive groups); California is next with 20 (10 in the Northern California Cricket Association and 10 in the Southern California Griffith Park A.). Then comes the Massachusetts State C. L. with 11, Illinois C. A. 10, New Jersey C. L. 7, Philadelphia C. A. 5, Rhode Island and Central Massachusetts C. L. 4, Missouri C. A. 3, and Flint C. L. 3.

## Cosmopolitan Composition

THE personal composition of the clubs in the Middle West and the Eastern States is unknown, but out in the San Francisco Bay region the cosmopolitan side of the game is illustrated by the make-up of some of the teams.

The captain of the cricket team of the Olympic Club (Ray Ockernall) is from Adelaide (Australia); J. M. Anderson was born in Honolulu; C. E. and C. T. Carlen, P. J. Coleman, S. R. Farley, W. S. Kennedy, and A. S. C. Hulton in England; F. W. Seineke in South Africa; and Jerry and Maurice Wolohin, George Bones, Harry Hughes, D. J. MacDaniel, and P. J. Peterson are American-born of British parentage.

The president (and most consistent batsman) of the Golden Gate club—J. M. Kealy—is from Ireland; C. McMorine (secretary and leading bowler) and W. Cutler from England. Then there is a group of Californians—V. Welsh, W. and M. L. Greig, K. Dorking, and W. Strel—all of whom played baseball in high school and college and brought with them to the Golden Gate team keenness, enthusiasm, and a highly competitive spirit.

## Test Standard

THE baseball experience has proved to be especially valuable in the matter of fielding and it is no exaggeration to say that one can see fielding in some of the games of the Northern California C. A. that would not be surpassed in a test match between England and Australia.

## High Scorers

SOME of the American-born boys were among the high scorers of the U.S.A. for the 1940 season. George Bones of the Olympic Club scored 100 retired against Sacramento and Jerry Wolohin of same team had a high score of 76 and finished the season with an average of 38.75 per innings—the highest in the Association.

Another, Bill Wright of the Venice Club of Los Angeles, played an innings against Santa Barbara that would have won him the cheers of cricket fans the world over. Out of a total of 72 runs he scored 66 of them in sixes.

During the season he batted 29 times for a total of 850 runs; his highest score was 94; and his average 22.41 per innings. V. Welsh's 71 was the highest score for the League Cup—winning Golden Gate Club team.

It may seem strange to stress the fact that so many American-born boys are doing so well in cricket and the only reason for doing so is because many Americans on viewing a cricket match for the first time always remark that it is much too tame and slow for the youth of this country.

Centuries AT least four players in various parts of the United States reached the coveted century with the highest (known) individual score for the season being that of 140 made by Stanley Jones of the Venice Club of Los Angeles. He was at bat 25 times and scored an aggregate of 899 runs for an average of 35.96 per innings. As he also took 111 wickets at an average of 5.83 runs per wicket it is easy to understand that he is a very valuable man to this team.

A. Tindall of the Hyde Park team in Chicago scored 114 not out.

## Don Bradman Recommended For Discharge From Army

SYDNEY, May 2.—Lieut. Don Bradman, famous cricketer, has been recommended for discharge from the army for health reasons. Recently he has suffered from fibrositis in the back muscles.

## Anglo-American Boxing Bouts For War Funds

### Mike Jacobs Adopts British Proposal

NEW YORK, (UP).—Promoter Mike Jacobs is trying to arrange a series of six war bouts in six United States cities between the best United States and British professional fighters for the benefit of the British Red Cross and Canteen Service.

## Home Soccer Fixtures For The Week-end

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The following are the home soccer fixtures for the coming Saturday:

### LONDON CUP

Arsenal v. West Ham.

### SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Cardiff City v. West Bromwich Albion; Crystal Palace v. Southampton; Fulham v. Millwall; Leicester v. Tottenham; Northampton v. Chelsea; Portsmouth v. Aldershot.

### HAMPSHIRE CUP SEMI-FINAL

Queens Park Rangers v. Watford; Reading v. Brentford.

### NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Blackpool v. Preston North End; Bolton Wanderers v. Manchester City; Everton v. Sheffield United; Grimsby v. Barnsley.

### COUNTY CUP

Huddersfield v. Bury; Tranmere Rovers v. Chester.

### CHESHIRE COUNTY BOWL REGIONAL MATCHES

Mansfield v. Doncaster Rovers; Stoke City v. Chesterfield.

### COMBINED COUNTIES CUP FINAL

Middlesbrough v. Leeds United.

### LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL

Manchester United v. Burnley.

### OTHER MATCHES

Walsall v. Aston Villa.

### SCOTTISH CUP FINAL REPLAY (AT GLASGOW)

Hearts v. Rangers.

### CHARITY CUP FIRST ROUND

Partick Thistle v. Clyde.

understand that he is a very valuable man to this team.

A. Tindall of the Hyde Park team in Chicago scored 114 not out. George Bones (The Olympic Club) 100 retired. and J. Layne of the West Indies team in the Massachusetts C. L. ran up a score of 102 not out.

## MASS HORSE RACING

10,000 Prepared For Russian Competitions

MOSCOW, April 30 (Tass).—The spring season has commenced at hippodromes in the southern districts of the U.S.S.R. Hundreds of thoroughbreds have been assembled for the Moscow, Lvov, Tashkent, Pyatigorsk and other hippodromes, and 10,000 collective farm trotters and race-horses have been assigned for this year's competitions. The All-Union trotting championship will be held at the Odessa hippodrome.

The All-Union derby for race-horses and trotters and traditional contests for the All-Union summer prizes for 4-year racehorses and 3-year-old trotters will be for the first time held in Moscow as well as the U.S.S.R. prize of race-horses on 6,400 metres distance and saddle horses on 4,000 metres. 235 draught horses will participate in the racing contests.

## PEAKNESS STAKES WINNER TAKES KENTUCKY DERBY

NEW YORK, May 12 (Reuter).—Mr. Warren Wright's Whirlaway, winner of the Kentucky Derby the previous week-end, won the valuable Peakness Stakes at the Pimlico Course, Baltimore, by "beating King Cole by five lengths, with Our Boots, two lengths behind, third. Whirlaway is the son of Blenheim, the English Derby winner of 1930. Ridden by Eddie Arcaro, Whirlaway covered the Pimlico course of nine furlongs in one minute 55.4 seconds.

## Electric R.C. Bowls Rinks

The following rinks have been selected to represent the Hongkong Electric R.C. in a Lawn Bowls League match against the Police R.C. at Happy Valley on Saturday, 5.30 p.m.: W. E. Macfarlane, R. F. Gregory, J. F. Barron and L. de Rome. R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, A. G. Gardner and A. F. Paul. A. P. Tarbuck, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan and J. K. Sloan. Reserve, W. Stonehouse.

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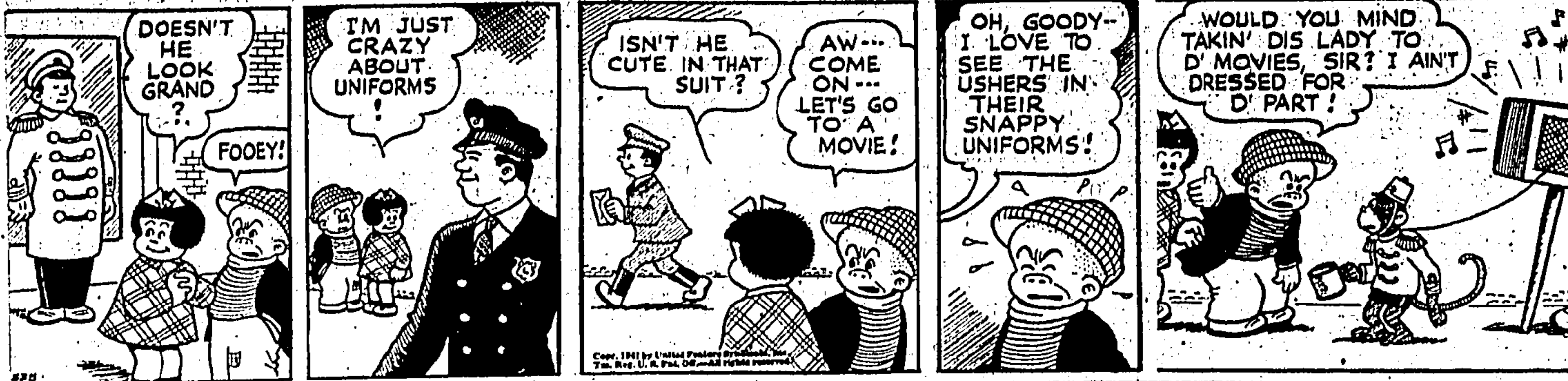
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# NANCY



## Chamber of Commerce Review of Colony Trade

Difficulties in getting imports owing to the scarcity of ships and restrictions were mentioned by Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Chairman, at the annual general meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Mr. Bousfield also spoke of the increasing importance of the local industries, particularly shipbuilding, cement making and sugar refining, and said that in spite of all the difficulties, the commerce of the Colony had kept up remarkably well during the year under review.

The Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell was elected Chairman for the ensuing year, with Mr. G. Miskin as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Bousfield said: You will not expect me on this occasion to review the course of the war. We in Hongkong are far from the centre of events, though the defence preparations going on all around us, and the strong reinforcement of Singapore, are a reminder that we may at any moment become involved. If we are, I hope we shall bear ourselves under fire as manfully as our friends at home.

Meanwhile, we can only struggle on, under conditions of ever-increasing difficulty, to keep the trade of the Colony going and to fulfil our responsibilities towards the maintenance of the important outpost of the British Empire.

The chief problem with which we are faced is, of course, the shortage of ships resulting from a ruthless campaign against the mercantile marine by which the enemy seeks to offset Britain's naval power and, if possible, to starve the people of the British Isles. We have heard, with immense relief, the news that the President of the United States has instituted a patrol of the Atlantic, 2,000 miles from east to west, and from the Arctic to the Antarctic regions, in order to ensure that Britain "gets the tools to finish the job," which the United States is supplying under the Lend and Lease Plan.

Another wartime difficulty arises from limitation of imports into the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire, effected by means of import licences and quotas. The powers of the various Controllers and Licensing Departments are subject to one over-mastering consideration—the availability of shipping.

Troubles of Merchants. Merchants and manufacturers find that when an import licence has been granted, or a quota has been fixed, their troubles, sometimes, have only just begun. Under changed circumstances, the import licence may be superseded or cancelled, or the shipping space available may be quite insufficient to carry the goods which the Board of Trade—notwithstanding the need to reduce imports to a minimum—has decided are de-

suggesting that this point might be remedied when peaceful conditions return.

Meanwhile, however, some very interesting figures for wholesale prices, covering 1939 and 1940, were released for publication by the Import and Export Department last month. The average increase in price during 1940 over 1939 was largest in the mineral group, with an increase of 44.82 per cent; and smallest in the foodstuff group—2.55 per cent. The average increase for all commodities works out at 35.39 per cent. Had prices remained stationary, the increase or decrease in the total value of the trade of the Colony would accurately represent the percentage increase or decrease in the total tonnage of that trade. Therefore, to obtain a comparison between 1939 and 1940 tonnages we should stop at the value of the 1939 figures by the average increase in cost between the two years. In terms of 1940 values, we thus arrive at a figure of £93.8 millions sterling for 1939 trade as against £85.1 millions sterling for 1940. From this it would appear that 1940 suffered a tonnage loss of 8.275 per cent, as compared with the previous year.

Price of Foodstuffs

However, as foodstuffs formed the largest individual item of import during 1940, and as this group underwent the smallest increase in price, it is probable that the weighted general average for all groups would show a smaller percentage increase than the figure of 35.39 per cent, on which I have worked, and this in turn would mean that the decrease in tonnage is even less than 8.27 per cent. But even on the basis of this latter figure it is surprising that the Colony was so little affected during 1940 by the world shortage of shipping. The position reflects great credit on the more economic use to which available bottoms must have been put, and those concerned are to be congratulated. Unfortunately, I fear that 1941 must inevitably see a further shrinkage in the volume of our trade and, indeed, since this address was prepared, news of further shipping restrictions has come to hand which will result—at least for the time being—in the almost complete cessation of the export of Hongkong-manufactured goods to Great Britain.

Nevertheless, I am not one of those pessimists who, whilst admitting that conditions have kept up surprisingly well in the past, forecast that evil times are just around the corner. It would be foolish to indulge in wishful thinking concerning our prospects for the current year,



Miss Constance Low (French Convent) receiving the prize for the Senior Girls 400 Metres Relay Race from the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo at the Hongkong Inter-School Sports at Caroline Hill on Sunday—Sun Ying Ming Studio.

but the adaptability which the Colony has shown in meeting changed conditions will, I trust, help us to make up on the swings at least some of what we are likely to lose on the roundabouts.

Here I would like to say a few words on the increasing importance of our local industry. The old-established industries of shipbuilding and repairing, cement making and sugar refining all show increased activity, but it is rather to the growth of the more recently established industries that I refer, and I would particularly ask you to study the figures given on page 60 of the Chamber's Report.

Increase in Export Value

You will see that the export value of the goods listed therein has increased from a little under \$35 millions in 1939 to over \$51 millions in 1940—an increase of 46.98 per cent; and this in spite of quotas, export licences and other impediments. Admittedly this total is small in comparison with the combined import and export figure of \$1,374.5 millions, but it will be realised how important a place in the life of the community local manufacturers have now taken when it is remembered that the amount which "sticks" with the Colony, i.e. the difference between the import value of the raw materials and the export price, is probably no less than 65 per cent.

on the average in the case of locally-made articles, whereas the amount sticking with the Colony on account of its entrapment is probably not more than two or three per cent.

The Delhi Conference has opened the eyes of a good many in the Middle and Far East to the potentialities of Hongkong, and we all hope that one result of that Conference will be to accelerate the growth of our productivity. It is possible that, in retrospect, the period covered by the present war will be looked on as having done more to put the industry of this Colony on its feet than any other like period of time. However, if we are to achieve this enviable goal the local manufacturers will have to show their usual resource in directing the labour of this Colony into new channels, and so make up for what we hope will be the temporary loss of the United Kingdom market.

Harbour Development

Sir David Owen's report on the Harbour stresses the desirability of going ahead with certain reclamations as soon as practicable. If this can be done, and legislation is avoided which might make us unable to compete with manufacturers in China, I think the Colony can confidently look forward to greatly increased prosperity when the political horizons have cleared.

Sir David Owen's report, to which I alluded just now, has been published so recently that I do not propose to refer to it at length, pending full consideration by the appropriate Sub-Committees of the Chamber. It is clearly a valuable and most instructive document, the product of knowledge and experience. The report should help the whole Colony to take long views in the development of its most valuable asset.

We have again to express sympathy with the merchant community in Canton who for another year have suffered by force of circumstances beyond their control—the almost complete loss of their trade. A year ago there were hopes of the reopening of the River, but I regret to say that these have not yet materialised.

We are all glad that His Excellency the Governor has returned to the Colony recovered in health, and trust that his strength may be maintained to face the strenuous duties which each day and hour bring to him in these times of stress. I am sure you will wish me also to express our appreciation of the services rendered to the Colony by General Norton during his term as Acting Governor.

The motion before the meeting includes the adoption of the accounts of the Chamber. These call for no comment beyond the fact that the balance is on the right side and the membership continues to grow. Extension of the demand by Governments the world over for certificates of origin has led to a further increase in fees from this source of income.

Tribute to Staff

This year our hard-working Secretary—the term is hackneyed, but I can think of nothing which more accurately describes Mr. Kay—has done even more than the amount of work on Government behalf as, during the absence of the Hongkong Delegation at Delhi, his full-time services were lent to the War Supplies Board, and in recent months he has worked for several hours a week for the Food and Firewood Control Board. This, in turn, has thrown a great deal of extra work on the Assistant Secretary and indeed the whole staff. We are indebted to them for the many hours of extra time which they have had to put in to keep pace with the work involved. (Applause)

## Canton Slowly Achieving Pre-War Trade Turnover

CANTON, May 6.—The quarantine restrictions, imposed on incoming ships from Hongkong and Macao to stay for 48 hours at the quarantine anchorage below Macao Forts, continue. The fact that the virulent type of Cholera in Hongkong has abated, is noted here; but so long as the incidence of even a few cases continues in Hongkong or Macao, restrictions will continue.

Both the S. S. Fatshau and M. V. Shiragone Maru maintain their weekly and bi-weekly schedules, while the Kasyu Maru, Wang Ying Maru and Shing Cheong maintain the Macao run.

Services to Shanghai, Formosa, Japan, Indo-China and Thailand continue and no restrictions are imposed, and new vessels, which to replace the old one will be constructed soon at Shekwoitong, Canton terminus of the Canton-Samshul Railway (opposite the western extremity of Shamen across the river).

Tsengshing is experiencing floods following the exceptionally high tide in the East River, damaging the paddy-fields and destroying houses. The highway between the Canton suburb, Shaho and Tai Woo Hui, Tsengshing is under water and several sections in the northern sector are washed away. There is hardly any motor traffic. A Village Dyke Protection Committee has been established. Similar committees have been established in Shichuen, Shekshai and Shoktan, and a number of workmen are engaged on the dykes.

The Consolidated Tax is collected by the Canton Customs and remitted to the Ministry of Finance through the Chinese Superintendent. The Chinese Superintendent, Kuangpak, Kungmoon and Samshul Customs will soon be opened following negotiations with the Nanking Ministry of Finance.

During April 1940, the collection of revenue was only CN\$400,000, while in November 1940, it increased to CN\$1,400,000 and in January, 1941, to CN\$2,800,000.

The quotation of the theoretical "Customs Gold Unit" on which all duties are fixed and collected, was on an average about CN\$330.02 to "CGU" 100 during the last week (ending April 30) as against CN\$260.20 in the previous week. The decline or rise follows the rise or fall in the value of national currency.

National Currency Used

The local Kwangtung provincial government decided to adopt national currency for all payments under its control. The rate is fixed at CN\$220 to "MY" 100. All employees are paid in this currency since this month. Consolidated Tax Police Tax are payable in this currency, and gradually all taxes will be payable in national currency. The Government will also pay all its bills in the national currency.

The Kwangtung Propaganda Administration has been formally inaugurated and its office is established at Kwong Tai, Yat Hong near Wai Oi Road. All propaganda work for the local provincial government will be handled by this office. Mr. Koo Yen Yat, former Editor of the Tin Yee Yat Po in Hongkong, and Standing Member of the Nanking Overseas Ministry, is Director.

The Exchange quotations are:

Banks Buying Banks Selling  
HK\$100 MY.168 MY.163  
CN\$400 CN\$504 CN\$504  
CN\$755 CN\$775

"HK\$" means Hongkong Dollar; "MY" Military Yen; "CN\$" Chinese national dollar; "C\$" former Canton Dollar.—Our Own Correspondent.

Foreign Trade Return

The total foreign trade of Canton during 1940 amounted to CN\$28,807,000, of which imports account for CN\$14,303,000 and exports for CN\$14,504,000.

The Pearl River was officially opened for traffic as from April 20 1940 and before that goods were coming in and going out by junk only. Even after the opening of the Pearl River, the steamers were allowed to carry cargo only up to 500 tons each way, and therefore the trade is not growing rapidly. Besides, from September to the end of November the river was closed to Hongkong and Macao on account of Cholera, when no cargo was carried. But the ocean steamers to Formosa, Shanghai, Thailand, Japan and Indo-China were running. The comparative figures for the previous five years are given below:

Year	Imports	Exports
1935	33,761,000	39,936,000
1936	42,487,000	30,805,000
1937	63,846,000	45,166,000
1938	108,094,000	59,946,000
1939	5,322,000	3,994,000
1940	14,303,000	15,564,000

During 1939, there was hardly any traffic after the occupation of Canton by the Japanese in October, 1939, as the Pearl River was closed until April 20, 1940 for cargo traffic. Besides, the value of the Chinese national dollar has shown very wide fluctuations in exchange as below, say, with the Hongkong Dollar, taking HK\$100 as the basis:

Year	Chinese National Dollar Equivalent to HK\$100
1935 (Before November)	CN\$140 Average
1935 (after November)	103 "
1936	103 "
1937	170 "
1938	250 "
1939	325 "
1940	430 "

Thus the value of the Chinese national dollar in 1940 is only about 28 per cent of what it was in 1935 (after November), and 1936, about 40 per cent of it in 1937, about 60 per cent of 1938.

Customs Improvement

In this connection, it is interesting to note the interview given to the Press recently by the Chinese Superintendent of the local Customs, Mr. Lin Yau-kan, reviewing the revival of the Canton Customs House on April 20, 1940. Mr. Lin said:

About 85 items were added to the previous lists of restricted exports. I now move the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions which members may desire to ask.

In seconding the motion, Mr. H. H. Sturt said: I am sure that we have all listened with great interest to our Chairman's concise and informative address. I say that we welcome the note of restrained optimism which characterises his remarks. We are fortunate so far in being removed from the worst aspects of the disastrous world upheaval, and our role would appear to be to make all possible preparations while doing our best to maintain with as much cheerful optimism as we can command the general prosperity of the Colony.

In view of the very serious shortage of shipping which is evident to all of us, the figures of the general imports and exports of the Colony referred to by the Chairman are more encouraging than might have been expected.

Local Industries. A point of particular interest in the Chairman's address is, I think, his reference to the rapid development of our more recently established local industries and the prospect of further improvement indicated by him as the result of the Delhi Conference. It is to be hoped that the "powers that be" will do all that is practicable to foster and encourage this side of our activities particularly as for the most part exports materials are used in these industries.

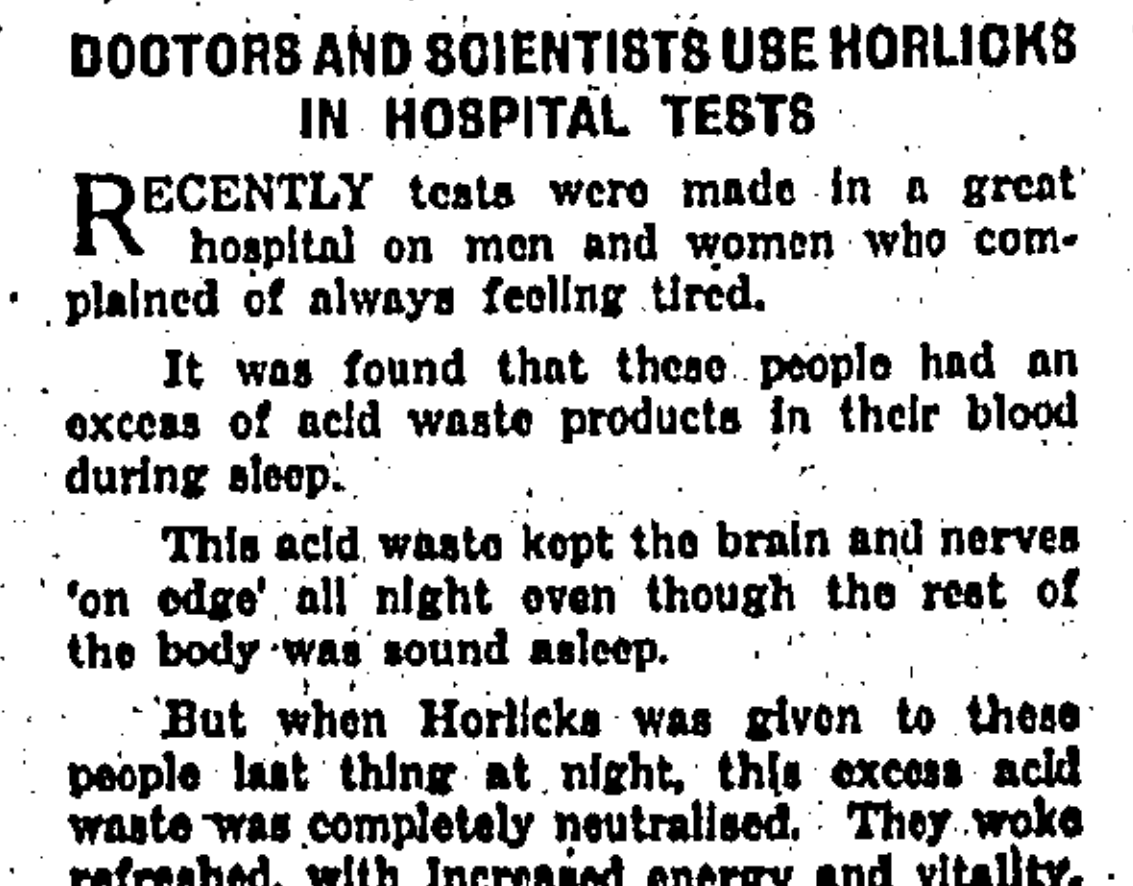
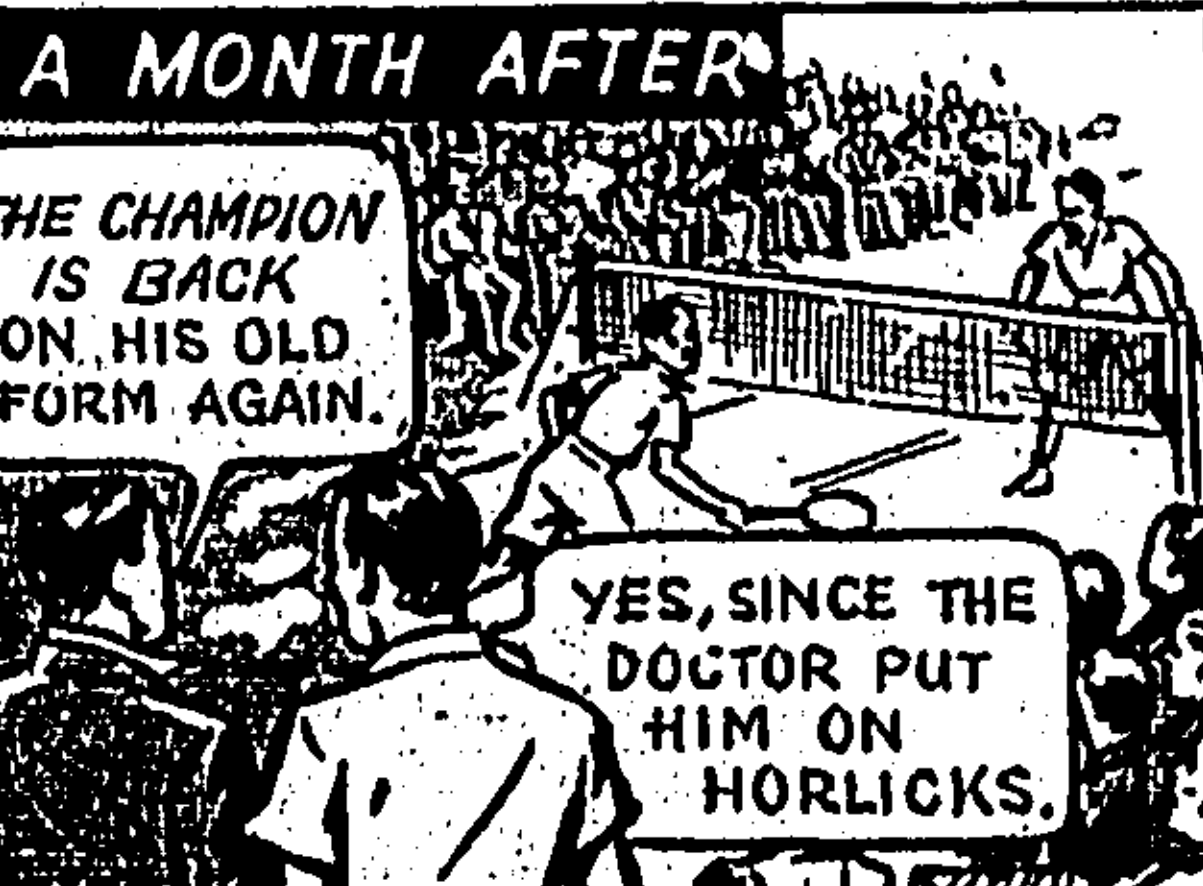
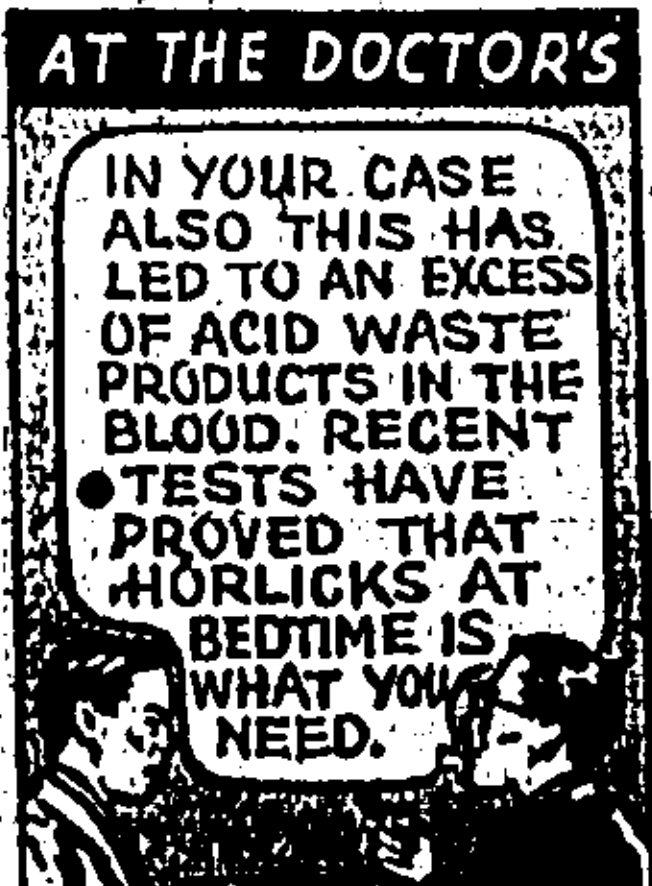
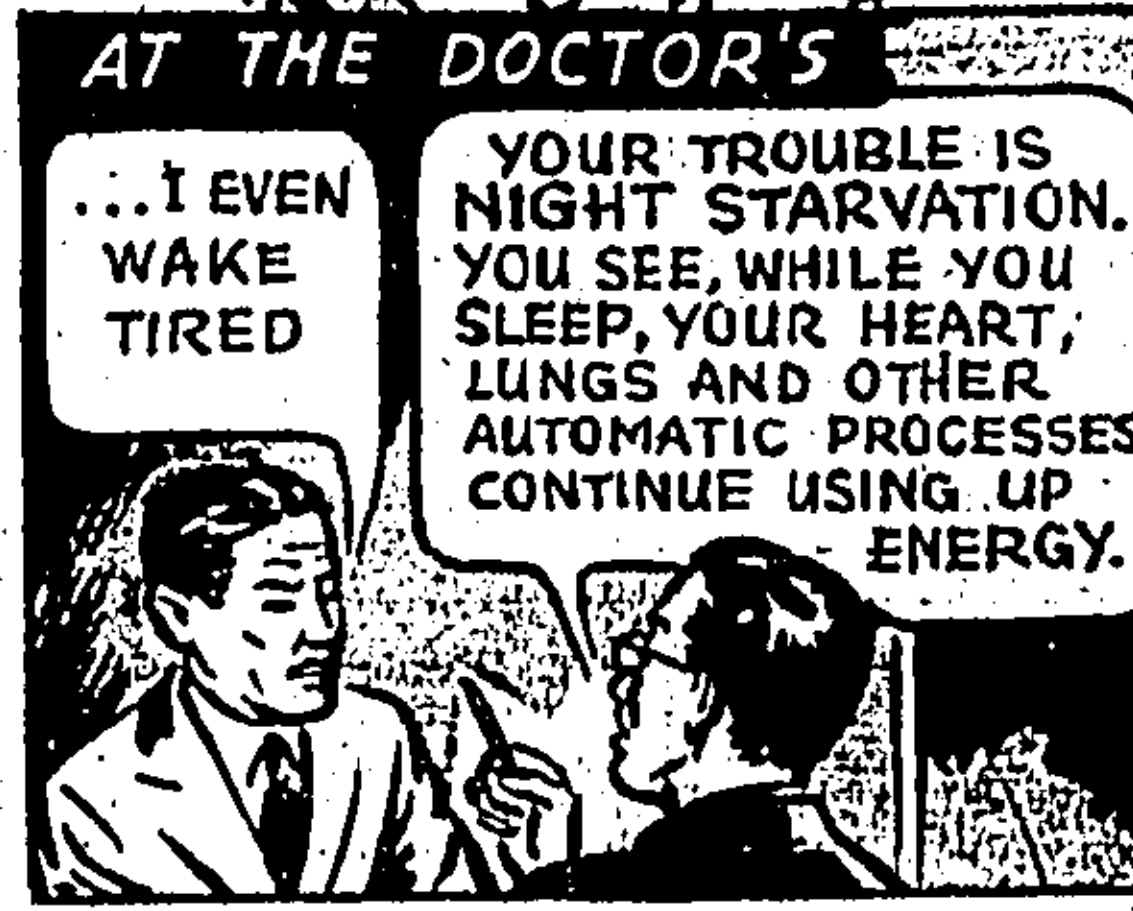
In conclusion, I should like to endorse the remarks made by the Chairman with regard to our hard-working and always courteous Secretary and staff, and I am sure you will be with me in expressing our grateful thanks to the Chairman, the Committee for the valuable and effective work done by them during the year on our behalf.

I now have pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts. The Report and Accounts were unanimously adopted.

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## Substitute Home For Commons Prepared

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has also met already in its new surroundings.  
**Westminster Abbey**  
LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Surrounded by ruins, Westminster Abbey to-day is structurally intact. An examination shows that the roof is not irretrievably damaged and the organ, one of the finest in the country, is undamaged. Four of the ancient stone arches of the Little Cloister have been damaged by fire. The Abbey music, the library and priceless parchments and also the famous Coronation Stone had been removed some time ago to places of safety. To-day, when workmen were busy putting a temporary cover over the hole in the roof, the anniversary of the coronation. Where the King and Queen sat in coronation robes beneath the lantern—which is now open to the sky—is a heap of rubble and broken wood. These seats which were then occupied by peers and peeresses and high officers of state in their coronation robes and uniforms are thick with dust which has covered everything. The scene to-day is indeed a stark contrast with that day four years ago.  
**Mayors Killed At Duty**  
LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Two mayors have been killed in raids on London, the Mayor of Westminster on Saturday night while visiting a shelter which received a direct hit, and the Mayor of Birmingham who was helping in fighting fires in a recent raid.

## Berlin's Version Of Flight

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Marshal Goering as successor to Hitler in the event of his death. The official announcement of the National Socialist Party broadcast by the German news agency states: "The Party member, Rudolf Hess who, owing to his suffering from an illness of many years standing, was strictly forbidden by the Fuehrer to embark upon any further flying activity, recently was able, while contrary to orders, to get possession of an aeroplane. On Saturday, May 10, at about 6 p.m., Rudolf Hess set off on a flight from Augsburg from which he has not returned up to the present time."  
**Letter Left**  
"A letter which Hess left behind shows by its distractedness traces of mental disorder and it is feared that Hess was a victim of hallucination. The Fuehrer at once ordered the arrest of the adjutant of the Party member Hess, who alone have any knowledge of these flights and who, contrary to the Fuehrer's orders, of which they were fully aware, did not prevent or failed to report these flights. In these circumstances it must be considered that Party member Hess has either jumped out of his plane or met with an accident."

## Hitler Seeks Use Of Franco-Spanish Rail

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convince the Vichy Government that General Franco has assented to the passage of German troops through Spain.  
Marshal Petain so far does not seem to have consented.  
**Franco's New Decrees**  
MADRID, May 12 (Reuter).—Following his recent far-reaching administrative changes, General Franco to-day issued a number of decrees, making changes in high Army posts. These include the appointment of General Asencio Cabanillas, hitherto High Commissioner to Spanish Morocco, to be Chief of Staff. A new C-in-C of the Balearic Islands is also appointed, General Gonzalez replacing General Kindelan, who takes command of the Fourth Region of Spain. General Miguel Ponte, hitherto General Commanding the Army in Morocco, is made a Captain-General.  
**Envoy's Movements**  
LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The French Ambassador in Madrid, M. Pietri, returned to Spain to-day from Vichy, where he had had a talk with Marshal Petain.

## Latest Raids Leave Hamburg In Ruins

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centenary bombs, and opposite these yards flames were leaping high. The industrial quarters of the town were also vigorously attacked. The weather at Bremen, which was the night's other main target, was equally fine. A pilot said: "It was the kind of night when only the bomb-aimer could be blamed if we missed the target." Attacks on Bremen was as heavy as that on Hamburg and, says the Air Ministry, "equally successful."  
**German Version**  
BERLIN, May 12 (UP).—The official news agency states that the R.A.F. attack on Hamburg last night was received by a very strong anti-aircraft defense and it is claimed that only a few planes reached the centre of the city of which five were shot down. Bombs damaged and destroyed a number of dwellings and one church which was completely burned out. Six civilians including three children were killed and several were wounded.

## Criticism Of Iraqi Usurper From Moscow

CAIRO, May 12 (Reuter).—Moscow radio last night sharply criticised the attitude of Raschid Ali the usurper, according to Ankara reports.

In a broadcast from Rumania, the announcer is said to have described them as instruments of foreign powers.

It is understood that no reply has yet been received from Raschid Ali to Egypt's offer to mediate in the dispute with Britain.

**Situation Stabilized**  
CAIRO, May 12 (Reuter).—The Middle East R.A.F. communiqué states that in Iraq, "the situation has become stabilized."  
**Berlin, Bari Pipe Down**  
CAIRO, May 12 (Reuter).—The Berlin and Bari radio stations which, during the past week, had devoted their six daily transmissions in Arabic almost entirely to the Iraqi rebellion, last Sunday night abruptly ceased all references to the Iraqi usurper, Raschid Ali and confined themselves mainly to the reading of the rebel communiqué.

Well-informed persons here express the opinion that Hitler cannot tolerate an unsuccessful Quisling.

**Trans-Jordan Quiet**  
CAIRO, May 12 (Reuter).—Emir Abdullah of Trans-Jordan has personally denied "pernicious rumours" that he was shot by his son during a quarrel over Iraq.

The Emir is in excellent health. The rumours are ascribed in Trans-Jordan circles to hostile propagandists.

## Greek Naval Losses

CANEA, Crete, May 12 (Reuter).—The Greek 9,450 ton cruiser Averof, several destroyers and submarines are the only vessels of the Greek Navy which escaped the mass attacks of the German air force on Greek harbours and shipping. The ships lost included three destroyers, ten small torpedo boats and the old battleship, Kilkis, which, having no anti-aircraft protection and being berthed at the Royal Arsenal base, sank after being set on fire during a raid. This statement was authoritatively made to-day.

## DUTCH IN LINE WITH AUSTRALIA

**Van Kleffens In Sydney**  
SYDNEY, May 12 (Reuter).—The Dutch are resolved and prepared to fight for the common cause in the Pacific should circumstances warrant it, said Dr E. N. van Kleffens, the Dutch Foreign Minister, with Dr J. J. M. Welter, the Colonial Minister, arrived in Australia for a visit to-day. "Geographically, Australia and the Netherlands East Indies are closely linked. An attack on one would affect the other. "Nobody who has witnessed the incredible bravery of the British people doubts that the Empire and the Allied democracies will win the war," he added.

## DE GAULLE IN BRAZZAVILLE

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces, attended a Joan Arc memorial service at Brazzaville, West Africa, to-day. He also reviewed the troops and conferred decorations, states the Brazzaville radio.

## Lingnan Letter To Mr Roosevelt

Five hundred and nine students and Chinese faculty members of Lingnan University, American missionary institution who moved to Hongkong from Canton following the fall of the city in 1938, addressed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in connection with the national "China Week" campaign in the United States beginning on May 18, 1941, sponsored by leading Americans with a view to strengthening public opinion in support of the Aid-China policy.

## Another Defence Leakage Stopped

WASHINGTON, May 12 (Reuter).—Legislation designed to stop supply to the Axis Powers of war materials produced in the Philippines was unanimously approved by the Military Committee of the House of Representatives to-day. It would empower President Roosevelt to control the export of defence materials, including Philippine products.

## Military Control In Rumania

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—A further 17 enterprises, including the Rumanian Danube Shipping Company, have been brought under military control by a decree of the Rumanian Government, says a Bucharest dispatch to Berlin.

## French Harvest

MOSCOW, May 12 (Reuter).—Moscow Radio says that half the grain crop in Unoccupied France has been destroyed owing to late frost.

## Soviet Envoy's Moves

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The Soviet Ambassador to Germany, M. Dekanosov, is returning to his post to-day after spending 14 days in Moscow.

## Breaks An Ankle In Landing

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of Germany and a Party Leader of the National Socialists, has landed in Scotland in the following circumstances.

"On the night of Saturday, May 10, he left Augsburg, Bavaria, in an aeroplane for an unknown destination and landed by parachute in Scotland, sustaining a broken ankle, necessitating hospital treatment.

"When he was taken, he gave his name as 'Herr' but later on he declared that he was Rudolf Hess. "He brought with him various photographs of himself at different ages, apparently in order to establish identity. These photographs were deemed to be photographs of Hess by several people who knew him personally.

"Accordingly, an official of the Foreign Office, who was closely acquainted with Hess before the war, has been sent up by aeroplane to see him in hospital.

**Flight To Spain Reported**  
Last month Hess was reported to have flown to Spain with a message for General Franco.

Later an official denial that he was actually visiting Spain was issued but it did not say that he had not been there.

Twelve days ago, Hess was at the Nazi Brown House in Munich receiving Admiral Salvador Merino, the Spanish Minister of Marine, and leader of the Spanish Falangist syndicate.

## Invitation To Harvard Graduates

A film showing the Tercentenary Celebration of the founding of Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, will shortly be brought here for a private showing to Harvard men in Hongkong and their friends.

Arrangements for the occasion are being formulated by a Committee composed of Dr J. Heng Liu, of the Union Drug Company, and Mr W. W. Hoffman, of the American Consulate-General. It is reported that there may be a dinner party during which a Harvard Club of Hongkong may be inaugurated.

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## President Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, May 12 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is "feeling fine" according to reports from the White House.

Although still and weak from the effects of recent stomach trouble the President was well enough to-day to receive the Australian Premier, Mr. Menzies.

NEW YORK, May 12 (Reuter).—Eighty per cent. of the total tonnage so far lost by the Allies, according to Admiralty figures, is at present under contract or construction in United States shipyards, according to figures issued to-day by the American Bureau of Shipping. The figures are 800 ships, totalling 5,055,400 tons on May 1.

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**Australasian Chinese To Hold Annual Dance**  
The Chinese Australasian Association has this year made its annual dance a public affair in aid of war funds. It will take place at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden next Saturday night, May 17, at 8 p.m. Tickets, at \$3 each, may be purchased from the Hongkong Hotel, St. Francis Hotel, The Sun Company, Miss Suey Ming, Mrs Irene Law and Sincere Company, Wing On Company, China Emporium, and from the members of the Ladies Committee. Table reservations are now open at the Hongkong Hotel Reception Office. Proceeds will be in aid of Chinese and British War Relief. The Ladies Committee in charge of the arrangements consists of Mrs Pauline Yee, Mrs Henry Ching, Mrs Alice Chow, Mrs Violet Chan, Mrs Mavis Cheung, Mrs Rosa Y. K. Chow, Francis Hotel, The Sun Company, Miss Suey Ming, Mrs Irene Law and Sincere Company, Wing On Company, others.

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## HITLER'S DEPUTY, HESS, LANDS IN SCOTLAND BY PARACHUTE!

### Berlin Says He Committed Suicide, Deputy Fuehrer Hess But London Declares He Is Safe

THE MOST ASTONISHING AND DRAMATIC STORY OF THE ENTIRE EUROPEAN WAR HAS JUST BEEN REVEALED. ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED IN LONDON, HERR RUDOLF HESS, HITLER'S DEPUTY, LANDED IN SCOTLAND BY PARACHUTE, AND HAS BEEN CAPTURED.

That this is no fairy tale is proved by the fact that Berlin officially reported that Hess had committed suicide. It was admitted that he had flown from Germany in an aeroplane at 6 p.m. on Saturday last and had not been heard of since. Berlin stated that Hess left Augsburg by plane and messages had since been found to indicate that he intended to commit suicide.

## Hitler Seeks Use Of The Franco-Spanish Railway

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The Germans are reported to be pressing the Vichy Government for permission to use the Pau-Saragossa Railway to convey German troops to Spain because the Bordeaux-St Sebastian line in occupied territory is inadequate to carry troops in large numbers, says an independent French Agency correspondent on the French frontier.

## Latest Raids Leave Hamburg In Ruins

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, May 12 (UP).—An Air Ministry communique states: "Last night in very good weather, aircraft of the Bomber Command again attacked objectives in Hamburg and Bremen. Heavy weight high explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped on shipbuilding yards and industrial areas in both cities.

## MIDDLE EAST WAR REPORTS

Official Communique  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, May 12 (UP).—Today's General Headquarters communique states: "Libya: At Tobruk our mechanised patrols surprised a considerable party of the enemy inflicting casualties and capturing 32 prisoners. In the Sollum area, our patrols yesterday were continuing their harassing tactics and captured an enemy tank mounting an anti-tank gun.

"Abyssinia: Advancing from the north on Amba Gela, Indian troops have again made important progress by capturing Gumsa and taking four pack guns together with quantities of other war materials. Meanwhile, South African troops are continuing their advance northwards on Amba Gela. In the southern areas the operations are proceeding well.

"Iraq: All is quiet in the Habbaniyah and Basra areas. Our mechanised forces have occupied Rutbah."

### Enemy's Morale Shaken

NAIROBI, May 12 (Reuter).—Despite bad weather, British forces in the southern sector of Abyssinia are following up their successes while strong pressure is being maintained by columns operating south of Addis Ababa.

The enemy's morale, according to reports received here, is being shaken by ground-strafing by the South African Air Force, and attacks of the various patriote armies.  
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There are no indications that the Germans intend the immediate use of the Pau line even if Vichy agrees, but they have made the request apparently to TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## Nine Nazis Downed Yesterday

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—"It is now known that in last night's attack on this country, a total of nine enemy aircraft were destroyed," says to-night's Air Ministry communique. "It adds: 'There has been very little enemy activity over Britain during daylight to-day. Early this morning bombs were dropped at a point on the southeast coast, doing little damage and causing no casualties.'

**Almost A Respite**  
LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Enemy bombers last night were reported to be over widely-separated districts in Britain, and some bombs were dropped, but it appeared unlikely that a big scale attack would develop on any area.

The "All-Clear" was sounded in London in the early morning. LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Before midnight an alert was sounded in the London area, but for some time afterwards no raiders were heard overhead.

## Substitute Home For Commons Prepared

(By "Reuter's" Parliamentary Correspondent)

LONDON, May 12.—The extensive damage done to the House of Commons will make necessary the use of the replica of that Chamber which has existed elsewhere for some time past and which has actually been used on a number of occasions for full meetings of the House of Commons.

The reserve chamber is smaller than the original House of Commons.

The Speaker's chair, green benches and gangways familiar to visitors to the old Commons are reproduced in form, though the familiar green leather is replaced by green cloth.

The Press sit at the opposite end of the chamber from that to which they are accustomed, sharing the available space with diplomats who formerly had their own very exclusive gallery.

It is not, therefore, in any hasty or improvised fashion that the destruction of the old Commons will be met. Another site is ready and complete in every detail and is well tested in debates, which have taken place there.

There is a similar reproduction of the House of Lords in existence which TURN to Back Page, Column 5

"United Press" from Berlin quotes the official German news agency as stating that Hitler had forbidden Hess to fly because of a "progressive ailment" from which he was suffering, but Hess had managed to obtain an aeroplane.

The news agency added that "one letter which Hess left behind revealed mental derangement and creates fears that Hess was the victim of mental delusions."

"Under the circumstances," continued the statement, "the National Socialist movement must, unfortunately, reckon that Hess has either crashed or met with a misfortune."

Hitler has ordered the arrest of Hess' adjutants, adds the "United Press," the official statement observing that "these men alone were cognisant of these flights and they, despite the prohibition known to them, had neither prevented them nor reported them immediately."

## Breaks An Ankle In Landing Hess's Flight Described

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Leaving behind a farewell note, Rudolf Hess has fled from Germany and is now in Scotland. He crashed from a German fighter which significantly did not have enough petrol to return to Germany.

The most amazing story of the war was told to-night in a communique from No. 10 Downing Street a few hours after Berlin had attempted to anticipate the news by stating that Hess had left a note showing traces of mental disorder and had either committed suicide or fallen from a plane.

Hess, who broke his ankle when he landed, brought photographs of himself at different ages to establish his identity and he has been recognised by several people who knew him well.

**Flight To Identify**  
A Foreign Office official has flown to Glasgow to see him in hospital. Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, Minister of Information, was present at the Ministry to-night when this remarkable announcement was read to representatives of the world's press in a tense atmosphere.

The earlier German announcement was obviously breaking the news to Germans that Hitler's "shadow" and successor-designate after Goering had disappeared.

The Berlin statement said "that Hitler had ordered the arrest of Hess' adjutants for not preventing or reporting his flight, and there are several attempts to suggest that Hess is suffering from mental disorder."

**Downing St. Statement**  
LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The following statement was issued from No. 10 Downing Street at 11 p.m. to-night: "Rudolf Hess, the Deputy Fuehrer TURN to Back Page, Column 5

## Argentine Pro-British Sentiments

BUENOS AIRES, May 12 (Reuter).—"We want no regimes that are against liberty, human dignity and Christ," declared Dr. B. E. Alvarez, former President of the Argentine Republic and leader of the Liberals, addressing the Radical Party Convention celebrations of the 17th anniversary of the Argentine Assembly's adoption of the song "Liberty" as the national anthem. Denouncing Argentinians who "now clamour for neutrality," Dr. Alvarez said that there were some people who some time ago thought that they could make trouble over the Falkland Islands, but that question would never ruffle Anglo-Argentine relations and some day would be settled in the friendliest way.

## HESS THE MAN: ONE OF HITLER'S "OLD GUARD"

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Since the 1934 purge when Captain Roehm and other National Socialist Party leaders were killed on Hitler's personal intervention, the mystery of the death or suicide of Rudolf Hess is probably the most sensational event in German political history.

Hess was a man of imposing presence, tall and well-built, and with intense commanding eyes. He was one of the Nazi old guard. Although he never played an open part in the Nazi Cabinet in the way of Goering or Goebbels, he has often been reported to have had great influence over Hitler.

### Named By Hitler

Addressing the German Reichstag on September 1, 1939, on the day of the German invasion of Poland, Hitler declared: "Should anything happen to me, then my successor is Field Marshal Goering, after him Party member Hess, to whom you would then owe your duty as Leader just as you owe to me." At one time, pictures of Hess were seen more often in the illustrated papers and on the screen than of any other Nazi leader except Hitler.

### Born In Egypt

Rudolf Hess has for years been a close friend of Hitler who named him, shortly after the outbreak of war, to be successor after Goering in the event of the Fuehrer's death. Hess was born in Alexandria, Egypt in 1896, was a flying officer in the World War and devoted himself to Hitler after hearing him speak for the first time. He is very anti-Semitic but is otherwise moderate and pleasant. He has a strange hobby, faith-healing, for which he founded a hospital at Dresden, and he is stated to be the only leader close to Hitler who is entirely devoid of ambition.

### Hitler's Man Friday

Hess has been described as "Hitler's Man Friday" and "Hitler's Shadow." He was responsible to Hitler alone. TURN to Back Page, Column 5

## BENGHAZI BLASTED BY NAVY

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—During Saturday night, powerful units of British light forces carried out an intense bombardment of Benghazi from point-blank range, states an Admiralty communique.

Damage was caused to shipping and military objectives. Fire from the shore batteries was ineffective as were also repeated attacks by enemy dive-bombers.

No casualties or damage were sustained by any of the British ships.

### R.A.F. Activity

CAIRO, May 12 (Reuter).—Heavy raids on Benghazi, where ships were attacked and three large fires started on the mole, were made yesterday, states a British R.A.F. Middle East communique.

At Benina three German and one other plane were set on fire while at Beren direct hits were obtained on buildings north-west of the landing ground.

El Gazala was also raided. At Derna, the landing ground on which a number of enemy aircraft were dispersed, was attacked and motor transport in the vicinity was bombed and machine-gunned.

Considerable damage was caused to enemy mechanised units in various other places between Tobruk and Derna.

One German plane, a Messerschmitt 109, was attacked and destroyed.

## America is Suspicious of Japan Peace Move Report

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP).—The inspired reports of a new peace drive in the Chinese war are interpreted here as another attempt to ensure that the United States fleet stays in the Pacific, regardless of events in the Atlantic.

Some of the rumours are originating in Washington, but most of them in Tokyo, all calculated to draw a statement from the United States as to just what naval policy will be followed in the event of a further Japanese move southward.

President Roosevelt and Mr. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, are expected to discuss the situation to-day. Mr. Menzies has been conferring with the State Department and has presumably touched on the subject of United States-Australian collaboration in the event of a Japanese move in the south Pacific.

The Chinese peace suggestions have not been taken seriously here, but are tagged as an attempt to make the United States fear that the Japanese army, freed from the war in China, might attempt to seize the Dutch East Indies. The suggestion in the Japanese press that Mr. Matsuoaka visit the United States is likewise classed as being without responsible backing.



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## H.K. Stock Market

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issued on the Hongkong Stock  
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Telephones (new)	9 1/4 n.

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## DUTCH IN LINE WITH AUSTRALIA

Van Kleffens In Sydney

SYDNEY, May 12 (Reuter).—"The Dutch are resolved and prepared to fight for the common cause in the Pacific should circumstances warrant it," said Dr. E. N. van Kleffens, Dutch Foreign Minister who, with Dr. I. J. M. Weter, the Colonial Minister, arrived in Australia for a visit to-day.

"Geographically, Australia and the Netherlands East Indies are closely linked. An attack on one would affect the other."

"Nobody who has witnessed the incredible bravery of the British people doubts that the Empire and the Allied democracies will win the war," he added.

Arrangements for the occasion are being formulated by a Committee composed of Dr. J. Heng Liu of the Union Drug Company and Mr. W. W. Hoffman of the American Consulate-General. It is reported that there may be a dinner party during which a Harvard Club of Hongkong may be inaugurated.

It is requested that all Harvard men in Hongkong send their names and addresses to either member of the Committee so that notice may be sent to them.

President Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, May 12 (Reuter).—"President Roosevelt is 'feeling fine' according to reports from the White House."

Although still and weak from the effects of recent stomach trouble the President was well enough to-day to receive the Australian Premier, Mr. Menzies.

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1.01 Songs by Raquel Meller.

1.11 Bizet-Jeux d'Enfants-Ballet Suite, London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Bourne-Municipal Orchestra—Idylle Bretonne (J. Gennin); Crocus Time—Serenade for Strings (De La Riviere); Echoes of the Valley (J. Gennin); The Merry Brothers (J. Gennin); Oriental Dance—Novelty Duet (C. White); Carlsbad Doll Dance (L. Pleier); and The Two Imps (K. J. Alfard); and Dancer of Seville (C. Grunow) conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Half an Hour with Mascaret.—"Manon"—Fantasia.....Marek Weber and his Orchestra; "Sapho"—"Air de Jean"—Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra; "Thais"—Meditation with Orchestra; "Promenade"—Orchestra; "Thais"—Tell me I am Beautiful. Marysa Beauvoir (Soprano) with Orchestra; Scenes—Pittorsques—Fetes Boheme.....The London Palladium Orchestra; "Werther"—Pourquoi me Reveiller?.....Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 An Hour of Classical Requests.—Etude in F Minor (Liszt); Simon Barer (Piano); Jeanne d'Arc—Farewell, Ye Mountains (Tchaikovsky); Maria Jeriza (Soprano) with Orchestra; Incidental Music to "Mary Rose" (O'Neill); New Light Symphony Orchestra; O Gladstone Light (Sullivan); The B.B.C. Wireless Chorus; Rustle of Spring (Sindler); William Murdoch (Piano); Valse Triste—Kulema (Sibyllus); Chicago Symphony Orchestra; Fantasiestücke Op. 12 (Schumann); Yves Nat (Piano); Let the Bright Seraphim (Handel); Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra; 2nd Movement from Symphony No. 6 in E Major Op. 68 "Pastoral" (Beethoven); Andante molto mosso.....Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 "The Hope of a new World" No. 3: "Prayer and its Answer." Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.30 Elgar—Froissart Overture Op. 18—London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar Bart. o.m., K.C.V.O.

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Musical Comedy Selections.—"Me and My Girl"—Vocal Selections with Wallace Lupino, Lupino Lane, Teddie St Denis and Chorus with Orchestra; Home and Beauty—Selections.—Adelphi Theatre Orchestra.

10.00 Dance Music. With Vocal Variety by Artie Shaw and his Orchestra; Maxwell-Stewart—Ballroom Melody; Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orchestra; Teddy Powell and his Orchestra; The Six Swingers with Vocal Chorus; Adelaide Hall with Instrumental Accomp., Joe Loss and his Orchestra; Bob Chester and his Orchestra; Turner Layton and his piano; Ambrose and his Orchestra; Jack Payne and his Band.

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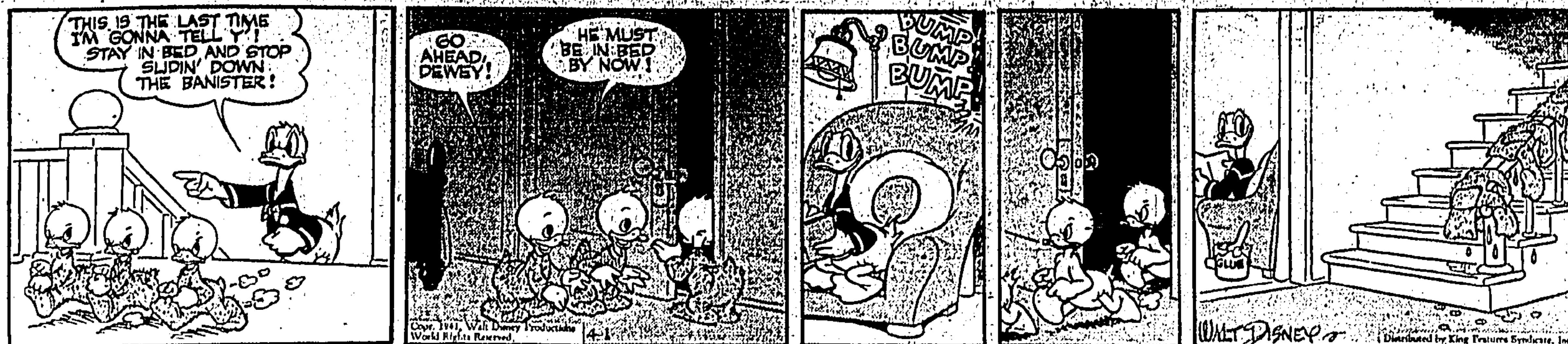
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## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



Two pictures of China's rising young womanhood, healthy and alert to to-day's problems. They are students of the True Light School—engaging in anti-gas drill, at left, and resting between athletics, below. (Photos: New China Newsphotos).

out free China. More than 13,000 are reported working in the new industrial co-operative movement which is sweeping China's vast interior. War has made Chinese women aware of the world

## War Thrusts Opportunity Upon China's Women

From the peasant grandmother whose only weapon in dealing with a spy was her knitting needles, to slender Madame Chiang Kai-shek, "the boss' wife" to 400,000,000 people, Chinese women more and more are getting into the country's fight against Japan.

The old peasant woman is merely one of thousands of women who are doing anything they can to help out. She was acting as a roadside passport inspector in the hills near the Japanese lines, and was knitting a sock for the boys at the front as she guarded the road.

A suspicious-looking Chinese fled when she demanded to see his passport, so she gave chase and captured him though she was armed only with her knitting needles. He was declared to be a spy in Japanese pay.

### Facing The Future

The average Chinese woman may not play such a valorous role in China's gallant struggle to survive. But, like all women at war, she tries to maintain her broken family and do war work at the same time. She knits, rolls bandages, makes uniforms, dispenses first aid, feeds orphans, nurses the wounded, weeps over her slain, and faces the future with the courage born of necessity.

At the same time she may be working in a small factory or otherwise earning her daily bread in some one of the new jobs that have opened up for women in China, according to J. D. White, Associated Press correspondent, who has returned to the United States after nearly nine years in China. Mr. White has watched the development of the Japanese-Chinese war from the vantage point of Peking, and has travelled through much of North China, Inner Mongolia, and Manchuria under war conditions.

Chinese women are emerging only gradually from the seclusion of centuries. Though binding the feet of girl children is now very rare, there

still are millions of Chinese women who stomp through life on deformed feet—marks of the day in China when women were part of a social system which defined a woman's place as strictly behind family walls. To-day the unbound foot is a symbol of what is happening to Chinese women. Having more freedom, they travel farther; do and learn more than did their mothers and grandmothers.

### Women Awakening

This modern process of "liberating" Chinese women was well under way when war with Japan began. But it had left untouched literally millions of women in the back country. To-day China's "back-woods" are the centre of Chinese war effort. Here the awakening women are finding opportunity thrust upon them.

Among the more spectacular "new women" of China are the 20,000 girls reported to be working among the guerrillas.

"I have known some of these girls," says Mr. White. "They were college and high-school students when the war began. Many of them came from wealthy families, but they left luxurious homes, and either fled before the Japanese advance or slipped through the lines afterward to live the life of a peasant. To-day, instead of high heels they wear straw sandals. Where they used to wear the latest Shanghai creations, they now dress in plain cotton gowns or slacks. Where once they had good food, they now live frugally. They live among the farm folk of the interior, organising them for resistance against the Japanese. They write and stage propaganda plays, do welfare work, teach first aid, and nurse the wounded—in addition to holding down regular jobs in hundreds of new schools set up to teach farm families to read and write."

Girls from the cities do all this only after going through a basic military course where they learn the rudiments of handling a rifle and carrying on guerrilla warfare. Some graduate to actual military service. From the Canton region come reports of one young woman who was so clever at guerrilla strategy that she has become the leader of several thousand raiders who harry the Japanese.

Latest reports state that 5,000 women are working in new cotton factories through-

outside. More than 4,000,000 peasant women, Chinese estimate, have had a whole new life opened up to them since the war began by simply learning to read. These women are looking forward to the vote that has been promised them after the war is over and China "becomes a real democracy." Before, such ideas would have been incomprehensible to million of Chinese women.

The world looks to Madame Chiang Kai-shek as the personification of Chinese womanhood at war. This frail, American-educated leader of women is known to her intimates as May-Ling (her given name) and has done everything from running an air force at the beginning of the war to nursing war orphans.

She rises at 5 a.m. with the Generalissimo, and works with him throughout the day when she isn't out doing relief work, rolling bandages, or organising other women for more relief work. Having converted the Generalissimo to Christianity before their marriage, Madame Chiang acts as his closest adviser, his confidential secretary and interpreter, his "contact man" for dozens of prominent personalities whom she influences through her well-known charm. The way to get an appointment with the Generalissimo is "see the Madame first."

Now "grounded" from her former job as chief of China's air force, Madame Chiang still holds a position on the national air force council. Her chief duties away from home, however, are finding and financing homes and jobs for war orphans, refugees, and disabled soldiers.



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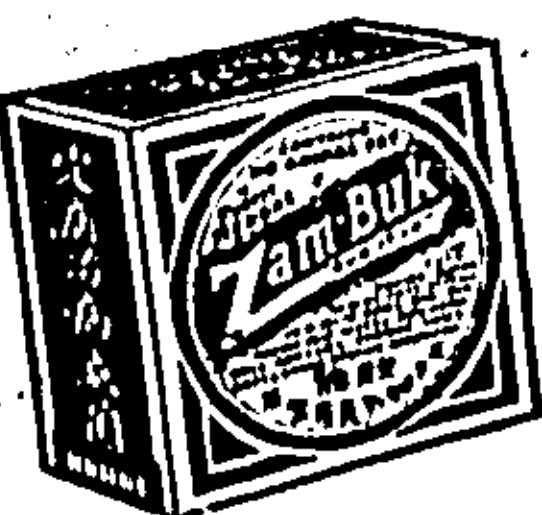




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## BOMBING OF CIVILIANS

THE brave words of the news reports, the success of Royal Air Force night fighters and the minimising of damage achieved by the Herculean labours of civilian defence forces cannot altogether suppress the thrill of horror at the latest savage bombing of London and the acts of vandalism wrought on such world-known institutions as Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament.

Portsmouth and the Merseyside recently had their weeks of intensive night bombing with great loss to civilian life and property. The poor in London have had their homes blown skyhigh many times now. Each fresh wave of destruction brings forward again the question of retributive bombing; a natural desire to bring home to the German citizen the sort of code his proud air force executes abroad. A recent poll on this subject in England found a growing weight of sentiment behind punishing the German civilians for the sins of their armed forces by area bombing as against precision bombing, but it is doubtful whether we shall do this; at least without prior warning to the town to be assailed. That would be rather a Quixotic idea exposing our own air force to concentrated defence fire and would perhaps be wasted on the Prussian mind. The idea might be successful however, if the Royal Air Force succeeded in making the area uninhabitable for a time.

The progress of the war has established by now, however, that indiscriminate bombing cannot win a victory. It can reduce the resources and suppress the free life of a country but a determined people will not be cowed by it and an active leadership will devise largely adequate defences. Thus the blitzkrieg over Britain has fallen far short of the boasts of Hitler and Goering. True the air has been black with the wings of the invaders sweeping right across the countryside—but the air has been made considerably clearer on the return trip by the Royal Air Force.

The raids on the civilians of Britain have united the country where Hitler hoped to divide it; they have underscored the ignoble character of the German fighter where, instead, it might have been whitewashed; they have taught us in time a lesson in preparedness from which at long last, under the lash of the Luftwaffe, we are profiting in deadly earnest.

One of the things we should do when Germany is beaten to her knees, is to make a mass daylight raid on Berlin after all the inhabitants have been given a week to evacuate. The ashes of that city would be a fitting memorial to all that the Germans are fighting for in this war.

## By HELEN WALKER DUNCAN

Dozens of women and children from Hongkong mingled with the dense crowds which swarmed throughout the Sydney Showground to witness the Royal Empire Show during Easter week.

We thought that, by now, we were used to crowds in the city streets, but I am sure none of us have ever jostled and pushed amongst so many people before.

The Showground is a little city within the city of Sydney and, during the ten days of the exhibition, a great human tide (besprinkled with "sticky-beaks" from Hongkong) flowed with difficulty along the 14 miles of roadway. Exhibition halls and pavilions, were choked with eager, struggling sam-ple hunters. Happy crowds in holiday mood enjoyed all as the fun of the fair around a purely Australian pageant. It is claimed for the Easter Show that, apart from being around the great arena, was a national stocktaking of the Australia's primary and brilliant cavalcade of the secondary industries, it is Grand Parade and ring one of the nation's biggest money spinners.

In the early days—way back in the 1840's—agricultural shows or fairs were held at Parramatta, just outside Sydney.

## Broke New Ground

By 1869, the influence of Sydney asserted itself, and that year a show was held in the Prince Alfred Park. An exhibition building was built there a year later and housed the first Inter-Colonial Exhibition in Sydney. For several years, shows man clock were staged every were held there but, in 1882, evening by members of the the first show was held at defence services, police, and what is now officially term-women's war organisations.

Since our arrival from Hongkong last year, we by members of the police evacuate have been told force. Each of the hour much about Sydney's annual figures on the gigantic clock show. We were told that was outlined by police in one Royal Show looked very blue uniforms and police much like any other but we cadets in physical culture were eager to see it. Though singlets and white trousers, new to us, however, we The hands of the clock were

## PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

# Seconds Out of the Ring!

AN idiotic conversation breaks out in a sudden burst, like rice from a torn bag. We have been out in the wilds, learning the important art of creeping and crawling.

The idea is, to emulate the serpent, and get along on the points of one's ribs. One protruding haunch may betray the whereabouts of a whole section.

We have been approaching a point covered by a light machine gun. The Kid from Widnes, drunk with the joy of firing blank ammunition, has, according to a very conservative estimate, met his death 37 times. Siberia ought to be wounded in a place he could not with glory boast about. We are, nevertheless, learning how to do it.

And now, having been permitted to fall out for a smoke, we find ourselves talking unmitigated balderdash.

"My old woman," says the Old Soldier, "talks tripe. She says why don't Hitler and Churchill 'ave a set-to all by themselves, and settle the war that way?"

"That wouldn't be fair," says Widnes. "Itter's the younger man. Old Winnie's getting on in years."

"I dunno," says the Lad from the Elephant and Castle. "Ole Winnie's got plenty go in 'im. It's the fighting spirit, see."

"Winnie breathes easy," says the Old Soldier.

"Don't you believe it," says Widnes. "Itter breathes worse."

"You know what?" says the Man from Leicester. "If it come to that, we could sort of make a feller Oi know, a feller called Brummy Joe, Prime Minister, jus for the toime being. Brummy Joe's a terror. It took eight coppers to pinch 'im once."

"Tommy Farr'd be better says the Old Soldier.

"E could go over wiv 'is Foreign Minister," says the Lad. "We could make Len 'Arvey Foreign Minister."

"War Minister," says Widnes.

"Nah, it couldn't be done," says the Old Soldier.

"Why not?" asks Widnes.

"Who'd do politics?"

"They could make an arrangement," says Leicester.

"Itter wouldn't fight," says the Lad.

"Ed 'ave to," says the Kid from Widnes. "It'd be a diplomatic arrangement."

"Itter'd fight dirty," says the Lad.

"So would Brummy Joe," insists Leicester. "E carries a foot o' lead pipe covered w' rubber bands or beer-bottle corks."

"Would they charge an entrance fee?" asks Widnes.

"Bob 'ead," says the Lad. "Make a packet."

"I bet there wouldn't half be some excitement," says Leicester. "With us and the Jerries in the audience."

"Proper rough-ouse," says the Lad.

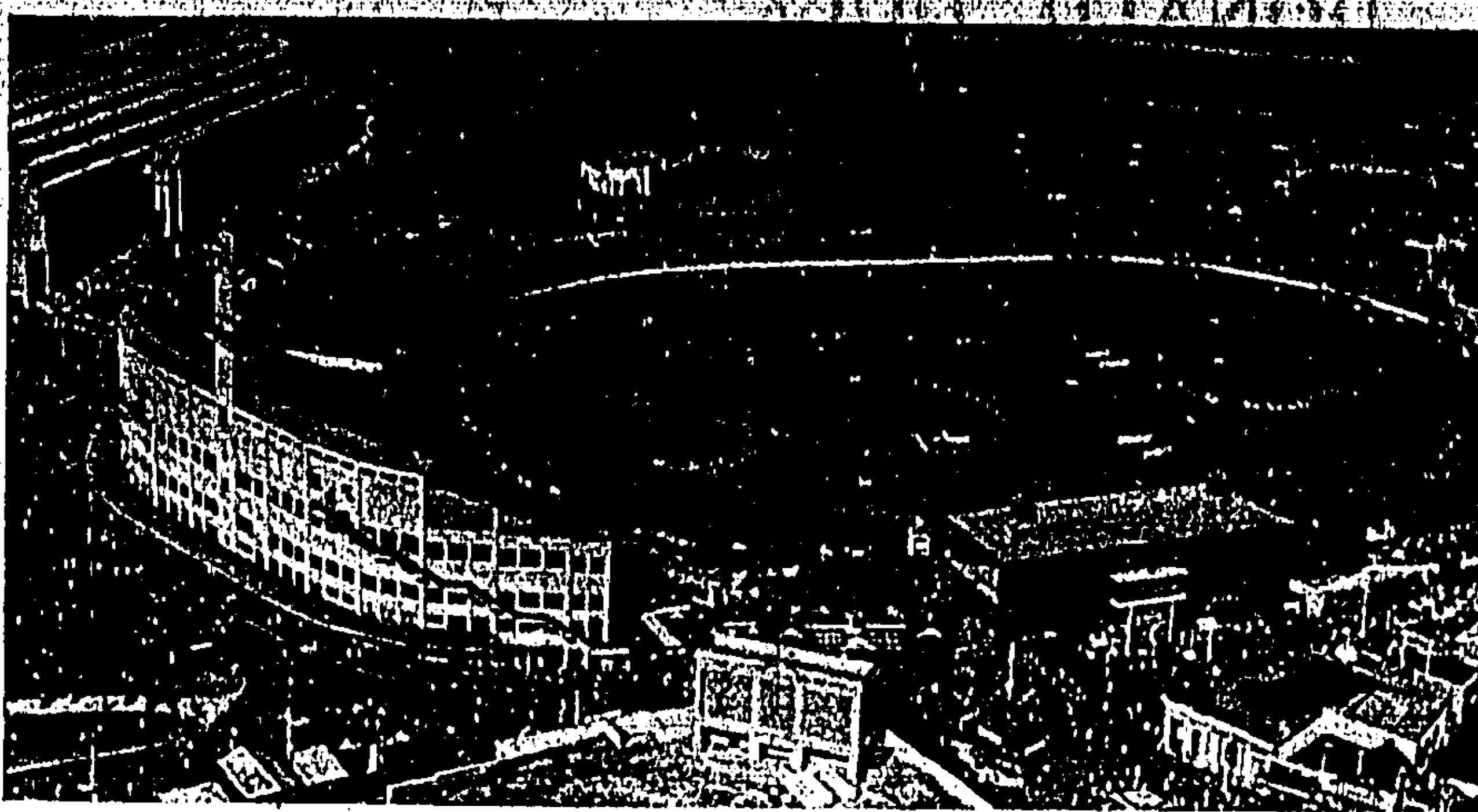
"We'd all 'ave a go," says Widnes.

"It'd be just like a war," says the Old Soldier.

"But we're 'aving a war now," says the Lad.

"Alamy, so we are!" says Widnes.

"Put them fags out and fall in," says the Sergeant.



A general view of the Showground

# Evacuates Enjoy Sydney's Royal Empire Show

represented by police in red reached in the Hall of Manu- and white uniforms of toy factories, where the elabor- soldiers. They moved slowly staged "Temple of ly around the clock—the Beauty" was being exhibit- hour hand men taking half ed.

One day, a jam occurred a quarter of the way down the hall, and many of the the different hours, the flag crowd pushed their way of the country represented back to the door. A pers- was lifted and the police piring constable tried to band and choir sang the hold us back, shouting des- national song of that coun- pairingly, "I'm sorry, but I try. When seven o'clock cannot let you back. You was reached, the British flag must go forward." Women was raised and the commen- cried out, "You must let us tator spoke of Hongkong out. We will faint."

With scores of people parted from their loved backing up trying to push, ones, are holding high the their way out, the position. Union Jack." began to look desperate when the constable and a Show official decided to ignore the regulations and petitions were among the open another door to let the most popular features of the surplus people out.

Show, and proved of great There were so many ex- interest to Hongkong visi- hibits in the various halls that I find it difficult to re- member them all in detail.

There were pyramids of fruit in the Agricultural Hall; a fine exhibition of the big timber country were pigeons; poultry entries; in action, chopping huge dogs of all shapes, sizes and logs, sawing gigantic limbs breeds in the dog ring and and performing miracles of magnificent blooms in the balanced dexterity as they Horticultural Hall.

Children's Mecca

The sideshows too, with woodsmen from America their people of steam or- have described the tree-fell- gans and the cries of show- ing contests at the Sydney men, were popular with Show as the greatest tests thousands of visitors. There of axemanship they have was the thinnest man in the world; a 42-stone girl; the

Every afternoon in the "Missing Link"; Ubangi the main arena, a grand parade dwarf and Boris the big of the finest cattle and man. There was also a interest of many thousands suspended frying pans in who crowded the stands and the air and cooked eggs in fences. This parade is ac- them. A rival showman knowledgeable as the greatest offered to suspend his assist- spectacle of its kind in the ant in space without the world. Led by a cavalcade use of a ray and without of standard-bearers, the proposing to fry eggs on cattle and horses moved him.

The show closed down with the traditional child- ren's day, which was greatly enjoyed by many thousands through dozens of loud- swarmed to all parts of the speakers to the thousands grounds. Many Hongkong of people crowded in the children, enjoying their stands. Occasionally, in the Easter holidays from school, had the time of their lives that day at the show.

Many exhibitors and immediately to the lost chil- stand-holders sold out their dren's tent in order to pick products cheaply during the up her wandering tribe, or last day of the Show. Women an S.O.S. would be broadcast scrambled for vegetables and preserves as the district ex- hibits were sold, and one bevy of small boys attempt- ed to carry away a huge pumpkin offered to them by

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# WHAT INVASION WOULD BE LIKE

General Sir Ronald Adam, Commander-in-Chief of the Northern Army, gave his impression recently of what Hitler's threatened invasion of Britain would be like.

He dispelled popular notions that it would be a mere two-day affair, with the business of the nation continuing "as usual" after swift victory. His forecast was of enemy troops making many isolated feints to prepare for mass attack elsewhere, and of large areas left undisturbed by all forms of warfare except air raids.

In my opinion (he said) invasion is Hitler's only chance of winning. If he is going to try it, I think he will do so before next winter.

Any attempt at it now will be four times more difficult than it would have been last autumn. It is an appalling task. If all people keep their heads—as I feel sure they will—Hitler cannot win.

There is perhaps a wrong idea in the minds of many people in Britain on what invasion will mean.

People think in terms of everyone going to meet the attack, and of all normal activities coming to an end for a couple of days, after which the threat will be over.

**Many Feints**  
But invasion is not a matter that will involve the whole population.

It will probably consist of feints at some points, followed by a strong attack at others.

The rest of the country will be comparatively peaceful except for bombing. Wherever possible people will have to carry on with their jobs. Cows, for instance, must be milked and the other animals looked after.

The Germans may seek to create confusion by giving the impression that they are using parachute troops wearing British uniforms or in civilian clothes.

But I know of no proved example of German parachute troops coming down in Dutch or Belgian uniforms during their invasion of those countries.

Such a procedure is fraught with many difficulties.

Tanks and more tanks are the answer to the threat of invasion. I am happy to say that those tanks are coming along very well.

**Look A Chance**  
The Army has trained hard during the winter. I took a chance then by bringing men away from the beaches so that they could undergo other forms of training. The result had been a steady building up of strength all the time.

It can also be said that the Home Guard has come on amazingly. I never expected them to be so good as they have done. They are splendid fellows and I have every faith in them.

**Forbidden To Broadcast**  
Lord Ponsonby's case is a pacifist, disclosed in the Lords recently that the Minister of Information had forbidden him to broadcast.

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**Germans Seize The Co-Ops**  
Retail shops of the German co-operative societies will be given to German ex-Servicemen after the war, it is announced in Berlin.

The Nazis are offering this built to grumbling soldiers and Party members.

A decree has been issued transferring the property of Co-ops to the German Labour Front as a first step.

One of Hitler's "main" pledges to the shopkeepers before he seized power is thus to be fulfilled after a delay of more than eight years.

He had promised the suppression of co-operative societies and stores, but instead he maintained them under Nazi supervision.

Thousands of the Nazi "Old Guard" were given jobs in the stores, but millions of private shopkeepers never forgave Hitler for failing to keep his promise.

**Dummy Rifles In Tomb**  
Rumours that a secret arsenal had been discovered in a stone tomb in a Salisbury churchyard were soon dispelled.

These rumours flew round the town after police had been seen investigating the tomb at night.

Rifles were in fact found—but they were of the wooden theatrical type and quite useless.

The police were merely inquiring into a report that children had been playing with rifles in the churchyard.

It is thought that the dummy rifles were thrust into the tomb for cheap storage.

## Raid Kills 'Snake Hips' Johnson

Two well-known West End figures have been killed in recent bombing of London—M. Martinus Poulsen, owner of the Cafe de Paris and Cafe Anglais, and Ken ("Snake Hips") Johnson, 25-year-old coloured dance band leader.

Ken Johnson had for nearly two years been well known for his "hot music" band and had broadcast.

M. Poulsen, who was 50, was from Denmark and began his career in London washing, a Bloomsbury boarding house steps for 6s. a week.

Then he entered the restaurant business, rose to become famous as a food and entertainment expert. Once, in 19 months, along with partners, he spent £100,000 on cafe floor shows.

**Known as "Martin"**  
At one time M. Poulsen shared ownership of London cafes worth £300,000. His Cafe de Paris was a £100,000 venture. Short, dapper, Martinus Poulsen was known as Martin to millionaires, royal guests at his cafes called him by his Christian name.

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**Odd Job Boy Built Ships**  
Sixty-six years ago a poor boy of 13 walked into a ship chandler's shop in Bute Docks, Cardiff, and asked to be taken on to do odd jobs.

After saving every penny for sixteen years he was able to start in business on his own account as a ship's store merchant.

In a few more years he was making a large fortune as a shipowner and shipbuilder.

A few weeks ago he died, aged 79, nationally known as Sir William Seager.

**Dunera Inquiry In Camera**  
Captain Margesson, War Minister, rejected a suggestion in the Commons recently that the Dunera court of Inquiry should be held in public.

The inquiry was ordered following allegations about the behaviour of troops guarding interned aliens while journeying in the liner to Australia.

Asked if the court would deal with separation to the victims as well as punishment to the guilty, the Minister replied:

"The first thing is to get to the facts. Preliminary investigations are in progress."



IN U. S. FOR STUDY—Bullet-riddled Gorman Messerschmitt 110 fighting plane arrives in Los Angeles for inspection and study at Vultee aircraft plant. Plane was shot down over England. Vultee officials said four American makes of planes were as good as or better than this one.

## SHEILA SANG AS BLITZ RAGED

While bombs crashed outside a Cardiff cinema ringed by fires recently a child's voice, piping high amid the din, held 600 cinema-goers spellbound.

It said: "Let me sing." The buzz of conversation ceased as the treble notes of 10-year-old Sheila Phillips rang out, inspiring calm and confidence.

While the Blitz was at its height the cinema manager had played gramophone records and led community singing. Then he called for a singer. It was then that little Sheila responded.

"How that little girl led them was just wonderful," said the manager. Sheila, a pretty, flaxen-haired child, said: "Was I frightened? Not me. Never had time for it. I just jumped at the chance of singing."

**First Chance**  
You see, I always wanted to be a star. My favourite is Deanna Durbin. When I go to the pictures and see her films, I sing with her.

"I could hear the bombs crashing, but I had to remember my words. I sang 'Never Break a Promise.' Mummy taught it me on the piano."

"This is the first chance I have had at trying it out."

Sheila is hoping to go on the films. Recently she stepped forward when a talent spotter attended a Cardiff cinema and invited songs.

"But I'm afraid you're too young at ten, Sheila," he told her. "Try again when you are 12."

**British Troops Like Thrillers**  
British troops on every front like to spend their spare time reading.

Thrillers are the greatest favourites, but Service men like serious literature, too, Major Donovan Jackson, who controls the distribution of books from the Services Central Book Depot, Handel Street, Bloomsbury, told a reporter.

"There is a considerable demand for biography, travel books and memoirs."

Since the depot began working 14 months ago, over 5,000,000 books have been sent out, besides 3,000,000 magazines.

Books may be handed over the counters of Post Offices in England to be sent free to the central depot.

**Even Refrigerators Give For Defence**  
The prosaic family refrigerator is going to be called upon to do its part for the U.S. defence programme.

The Office of Production Management plans to ask all refrigerator manufacturers to eliminate aluminium ice trays as a means of saving the metal needed for defence industries.

Treys of glass, plastics and other metals have been mentioned as substitutes.

## Post-War Scholarship Scheme

A huge post-war scholarship scheme for members of the Forces and Civil Defence Services, both men and women, is being favourably examined by the Government.

This was revealed in the House of Commons recently by the President of the Board of Education, Mr. Herwald Ramsbotham, in answer to a question by Mr. John Parker, Labour member for Romford.

Mr. Parker suggested that to afford encouragement to education in the Services the Board of Education should prepare and announce a scheme for 5,000 scholarships.

These would be made available to all ranks after the war at universities and technical colleges, and would cover board, lodging, and maintenance.

**Considering Plans**  
Mr. Ramsbotham replied that following consultations with Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, he was appointing an inter-departmental committee to consider plans that would enable suitable persons, both men and women, who have served in the armed or civil defence forces to obtain further education or training.

It is likely that the scheme will not be limited to 5,000 and that it will be a much more comprehensive scheme than that which followed the last war.

**Kiss Starts Epidemic**  
A girl's kiss has caused an epidemic of diphtheria in a soldiers' camp.

To prevent the spread of the outbreak the local medical officer of health advised girls in the area not to kiss their boy friends.

Mr. R. D. Allen-Price, the doctor in question, told the Tavistock Urban District Council that "kissing is the best way of catching diphtheria."

But he wanted to be human about it. "You can't expect any girl to stop kissing," he told a reporter. "The close contact, spreading of germs can be checked by sucking suitable lozenges."

## Help For Debtors Hit By War

Legislation to enable business men who have been hit by the war to carry on is to be introduced almost immediately by the British Government.

Purpose of the Bill is to relieve people—particularly small shopkeepers and men with little businesses—who are hampered by debts.

At present there is a moratorium on debts, but the interest is piling up against the debtors with the result that many are actually dreading the end of the war.

**May Be Wiped Out**  
The Government's measure will set up special conciliation machinery to assist creditors and debtors to reach amicable settlement of their affairs. Failing agreement the matter will be dealt with by the ordinary courts, which will have power to enforce a settlement.

At present the only resource left to a penniless debtor is to go bankrupt and most people shrink from that.

Under the Bill debts may be reduced or abolished altogether.

**Student's Talking Composition**  
Leon A. Danco, Jr., Harvard freshman, finds typing slow and tedious but has temporarily found a solution to his problem.

He presented a required 2,000-word English composition on a home-made phonograph record.

Dr. Claude M. Simpson, Jr., his instructor, said he would give the student a passing grade, but wants no more such practices.

"For one thing," commented Mr. Simpson, "how can you correct spelling and punctuation in a theme like this?"

**Hitler's "Mein Kampf" Is Banned In France**  
One method used by Adolph Hitler to alter the culture of subjugated peoples is graphically illustrated in the recent exhibition in the Princeton University Library of books which have been put on the proscribed list by the Nazi authorities and ordered to be withdrawn from sale in Occupied France.

Most of the volumes were drawn from the fields of history, civics, geography, and politics, particularly books on Communism. Also included were many children's books, primers and language texts.

A French translation of Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was on the list and is explained by the fact the book is intended for the use of German readers and not for subjugated peoples.

The biography of President Roosevelt by Earl Ludwig is proscribed, as are the works of Thomas Mann, Albert Einstein, Stefan Zweig, Viet Baum, and H. G. Wells.

**"All Quiet" Banned**  
Works which discourage the use of war as a method of attaining social change are among those that the French people are forbidden to read.

"Civilization," a straight-forward account of the activities of a military surgeon, by Georges Duhamel, and "All Quiet on the Western Front," by Eric Maria Remarque, are two such volumes which are on display.

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# Teams Limbering-Up For League

## Tulsa Trample Chung Hwa Youngsters Underfoot: R. Engineers Trowned

(By "Ball Fan")

Continuing their spring training, limbering-up sessions, local baseball teams dished up two more pre-season exhibition games over the week-end in heat-perspiring weather at the sun baked sand dunes of the Caroline Hill ball park, as ball fans throughout the Colony continue to dope out the chances of each team this season in real hot stove fashion.

Grandpa Leung's Chung Hwa Maroons went down to their second straight southern training defeat as Tulsa's mighty T rode roughshod home on a 12-4 "heh heh" win. The local Chinese "Connie Mack" had a gang of youngsters out there just up from the sandlots, who were taking in their first game under the big tent, and they showed a clear degree of back yard ball and inexperience in their peppy efforts to retain a spot on the Chinese major league team this year.

TAKEING a force shattering lead in the first two frames, Uncle Sam's hard-hitting sailors found a loop-hole in the offerings of Chinese hurler Al Lau to connect for thirteen solid safeties with successive crashing home runs by slugger Maxwell and shortstop Al Simmons featuring a 5th inning two run scoring attack.

Playing in torrid tropical heat which had the ball players and fans sweating to the core, the brand of ball dished up by both teams had a "weary-labeled" tag marked all over it, with a few of the diamond artists stripping to the waist for relief from the intense humidity.

Tulsa's starting moundman, "Mac" MacLanahan opened up in highly confident style, but weakened terribly in the 3rd canto to walk six Chinese Maroons who only garnered two runs in this generous free pass melee. Relief hurler Strickland tossed a steady game the next four frames to hold the Chinese to one solitary blow.

P. F. Choy and Forrest Leong, Chung Hwa's steady outfield duo and veteran stars of last year's heated season, came through with brilliant fly-shagging displays out there in the sand pastures, to nip in the well-known bud, many in the Tulsa scoring threat. The two veterans appear to be rounding out rapidly into mid-season form and coach "Connie Mack" Leung is banking heavily on these two outfield gems to be standout stars this year.

Second string tosser Bill Chang, coming up to the slab in the 6th canto was greeted with a shower of baschits including a sizzling double by Pete Petersen. Four Tulsa tallies dented the old platter in this frame as the mighty T rode home with their third straight spring training triumph.

DHUN Ruitonjee's H.B. Brewers sparked off their season's campaign with a big 10-1 opening exhibition victory over the Royal Engineers.

Hurling classy ball in his first mound effort of the current year, slab artist Dave Leonard cashed in with a "ding ho" tossing performance to limit the Sappers with five measly bingles. "Hot tamale" Dave's fireball had the Engineers in a guessing mood as he sent out six via the whirl route.

The beer kings opened up in the 2nd stanza when Baby Abbas singled to centre, stole second and third, and crossed the platter with the first tally on a wild throw to first by Sapper moundman Sarsfield.

The Leonardmen added three more runs in the next frame with A. K. Omar, Showboat Ali and Jindoo Hussain cruising home on a single and two errors after Tarzan Ismail was tagged out at second.

The Royal Engineers checked in with their lone tally in the 3rd on a single by Vic Foley who stole second, took third on a passed ball and rushed home on an overthrow.

Leonard's beermen added three more markers in the 4th inning and finished off with a two run attack in the 6th when Charlie Manson opened up with a single followed by A.

### Weekend Stars

Al Simmons and Maxwell, Tulsa power clouting attack with a prodigious homer, double and single to drive in six tallies with a spectacular bickory-welding performance. Latter also figured in the devastating attack with a circuit clout and single besides piffing three bags and coming home with three runs.

Dave Leonard and Baby Abbas, H.B. Beer—The old bam surprised his most ardent supporters by hurling a steady game to set the Engineers down with five measly bingles and a lone tally, striking out six Sappers in the rout; latter's run in the second frame started the heavy clouting Brewers on their run scoring spurge.

### U.S. National Breast-stroke Record Broken

BUFFALO, N.Y., May 2 (Reuter).—Little Patty Aspinall, known as "The Minnow with the Flying Fish Style," smashed the National Women's 220-yard breast stroke record at the age of 14 at the Women's Senior Amateur Athletic Union Swimming Championships here.

She covered the distance in 3:07.8 minutes, slicing 1.2 seconds from the record set in 1940 by Fujiko Katsunori of Honolulu.

Patty swam the whole way using the difficult "flying fish" stroke, in which the arms are brought out in the water in a double overhand fashion, instead of the orthodox underwater breast stroke.

### 'Spurs Player Killed In Flying Accident

CARBERRY, Man., April 7 (UP).—Leading Aircraftman David M. Wesley, 27, fatally injured in a flying accident near the Royal Air Force training school here, was a prominent college athlete and soccer star.

He was fatally injured early Friday when he made a forced landing near No. 33 Service Training School, 100 miles west of Winnipeg, after a routine night flight. He died in hospital several hours later.

### Adamson Cup Golf

A graduate of London University, Wesley was prominent in rugby and as an amateur boxer during his college years. He was heavyweight boxing champion at the university seven years ago. Prior to the war he taught languages in intermediate schools in London.

An aunt, Mrs. S. Sair, lives at North Battleford.

K. Omar who took first on an infield error; showboat Ali's stinging double to right drove in his two mates to end a high-scoring brewery win.

In their initial ball playing appearance of the season at the training section of the Caroline Hill sand dunes, H.B.'s beermen seem to have a pennant aspirant lineup that has real classy hitting power with plenty of experience and ball sense out there on the diamond, and should start as one of the favoured nines when the season rolls around in the near future.

Addressing the large gathering from a well-defined spot at the "mike," President Hidesome gave a brief but clear review of softball during the past year, and thanked players, managers and all connected with the game for their fine efforts in bringing softball to its present pinnacle in the realm of local sport.

Prizes were distributed by Mrs. Li Kwok-ying and Mrs. Dhun Ruitonjee, and the large gathering made "heh heh" until the early hours of the morning.



Bill Chang (Chung Hwa catcher) dropped the ball and Tulsa scored one as seen in the picture.—Ming Yuen.

## Cricket In America Firmly Established Figures For 1940 Season

SAN FRANCISCO.—Cricket in the United States has gone along in such an unobtrusive manner since its introduction in 1751 that it is not generally known that it is played each summer from Boston to San Diego and from San Francisco to Philadelphia.

According to the Illinois Cricket Annual, there are nearly 100 clubs competing for various Association or League honours each season.

New York State leads with 32 clubs (divided into four competitive groups); California is next with 29 (10 in the Northern California Cricket Association and 10 in the Southern California Griffith Park A.). Then comes the Massachusetts State C. L. with 11, Illinois C. A. 10, New Jersey C. L. 7, Philadelphia C. A. 5, Rhode Island and Central Massachusetts C. L. 4, Missouri C. A. 3, and Flint C. L. 3.

### Cosmopolitan Composition

THE personal composition of the clubs in the Middle West and the Eastern States is unknown, but out in the San Francisco Bay region cosmopolitan side of the game is illustrated by the make-up of some of the teams.

The captain of the cricket team of the Olympic Club (Ray Ockern), is from Adelaide (Australia); J. M. Anderson was born in Honolulu; C. E. and C. T. Carlen, P. J. Coleman, S. R. Farley, W. S. Kennedy; and A. S. C. Hulton in England; F. W. Seneker in South Africa; and Jerry and Maurice Wolohan, George Bones, Harry Hughes, D. J. MacDaniel, and P. J. Peterson are American-born of British parentage.

The president (and most consistent batsman) of the Golden Gate Club—J. M. Kealy—is from Ireland; C. McMorine (secretary and leading bowler) and W. Cutler, from England.

Then there is a group of Californians—V. Welsh, W. and R. Mulgrew, K. Dorking, and W. Stre—all of whom played baseball in high school and college and brought with them to the Golden Gate team keenness, enthusiasm, and a highly competitive spirit.

### Test Standard

THE baseball experience has proved to be especially valuable in the matter of fielding and it is no exaggeration to say that one can see fielding in some of the games of the Northern California C. A. that would not be surpassed in a test match between England and Australia.

### High Scorers

SOME of the American-born boys were among the high scorers of the U.S.A. for the 1940 season. George Bones of The Olympic Club scored 100 runs against Sacramento and Jerry Wolohan of same team had a high score of 76 and finished the season with an average of 38.75 per innings—the highest in the Association.

Another, Bill Wright of the Venice Club of Los Angeles, played an innings against Santa Barbara that would have won him the cheers of cricket fans the world over. Out of a total of 72 runs he scored 60 of them in sixes.

During the season he batted 29 times for a total of 650 runs; his highest score was 94; and his average 22.41 per innings. V. Welsh's 71 was the highest score for the League Cup—winning Golden Gate Club team.

It may seem strange to stress the fact that so many American-born boys are doing so well in cricket and the only reason for doing so is because many Americans on viewing a cricket match for the first time always remark that it is much too tame and slow for the youth of this country.

### Centuries

AT least four players in various parts of the United States reached the coveted century with the highest (known) individual score for the season being that of 140 made by Stanley Jones of the Venice Club of Los Angeles. He was at bat 25 times and scored an aggregate of 699 runs for an average of 28.38 per innings. As he also took 111 wickets at an average of 5.83 runs per wicket it is easy to

### Don Bradman Recommended For Discharge From Army

SYDNEY, May 2.—Lieut. Don Bradman, famous cricketer, has been recommended for discharge from the army for health reasons. Recently he has suffered from fibrositis in the back muscles.

### Anglo-American Boxing Bouts For War Funds

#### Mike Jacobs Adopts British Proposal

NEW YORK, (UP).—Promoter Mike Jacobs is trying to arrange a series of six war bouts in six United States cities between the best United States and British professional fighters for the benefit of the British Red Cross and Canteen Service.

### Home Soccer Fixtures For The Week-end

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The following are the Home soccer fixtures for the coming Saturday:

#### LONDON CUP

Arsenal v. West Ham.

#### SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Cardiff City v. West Bromwich Albion; Crystal Palace v. Southend; Fulham v. Millwall; Leicester v. Tottenham; Northampton v. Chelsea; Portsmouth v. Aldershot.

#### HAMPSHIRE CUP SEMI-FINAL

Queens Park Rangers v. Watford; Reading v. Brentford.

#### NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Blackpool v. Preston North End; Bolton Wanderers v. Manchester City; Everton v. Sheffield United; Grimsby v. Barnsley.

#### CUNTHORPE CUP

Huddersfield v. Bury; Tranmere Rovers v. Chester.

#### CHESHIRE COUNTY BOWL REGIONAL MATCHES

Mansfield v. Doncaster Rovers; Stoke City v. Chesterfield.

#### COMBINED COUNTIES CUP FINAL

Middlesbrough v. Leeds United.

#### LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL

Manchester United v. Burnley.

#### OTHER MATCHES

Walsall v. Aston Villa.

#### SCOTTISH CUP FINAL REPLAY (AT GLASGOW)

Hearts v. Rangers.

#### CHARITY CUP FIRST ROUND

Partick Thistle v. Clyde.

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MOSCOW, April 30 (Tass).—The spring season has commenced at hippodromes in the southern districts of the U.S.S.R. Hundreds of thoroughbreds have been assembled for the Moscow, Lvov, Tashkent, Pyatigorsk and other hippodromes, and 10,000 collective farm trotters and race-horses have been assigned for this year's competitions. The All-Union trotting championship will be held at the Odessa hippodrome.

The All-Union derby for race-horse and trotters and traditional contests for the All-Union summer prizes for 4-year racehorses and 3-year-old trotters will be for the first time held in Moscow as well as the U.S.S.R. prize of race-horses on 6,400 metres distance and saddle horses on 4,000 metres. 235 draught horses will participate in the racing contests.

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## Substitute Home For Commons Prepared

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has also met already in its new surroundings.  
**Westminster Abbey**  
LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Surrounded by ruins, Westminster Abbey to-day is structurally intact. An examination shows that the roof is not irretrievably damaged and the organ, one of the finest in the country, is undamaged.

Four of the ancient stone arches of the Little Cloister have been damaged by fire. The Abbey music, the library and priceless parchments and also the famous Coronation Stone had been removed some time ago to places of safety.

To-day, when workmen were busy putting a temporary cover over the hole in the roof, the anniversary of the coronation. Where the King and Queen sat in coronation robes beneath the lantern—which is now open to the sky—is a heap of rubble and broken wood.

These seats which were then occupied by peers and peeresses and staff officers of state in their colorful robes and uniforms are thick with dust which has covered everything.

The scene to-day is indeed a stark contrast with that day four years ago.

**Mayors Killed At Duty**  
LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Two mayors have been killed in raids on London, the Mayor of Westminster on Saturday night while visiting a shelter which received direct hit, and the Mayor of Bermondsey, who was helping in fighting fires in a recent raid.

## Berlin's Version Of Flight

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Marshal Goering as successor to Hitler in the event of his death. The official announcement of the National Socialist Party broadcast by the German news agency states: "The Party member, Rudolf Hess who, owing to his suffering from an illness of many years standing, was strictly forbidden by the Fuehrer to embark upon any further flying activity, recently was able, while contrary to orders, to get possession of an aeroplane."

"On Saturday, May 10, at about 6 p.m., Rudolf Hess set off on a flight from Augsburg from which he has not returned up to the present time."

**Letter Left**  
"A letter which Hess left behind shows by its distractedness traces of mental disorder and it is feared that Hess was a victim of hallucination."

"The Fuehrer at once ordered the arrest of the adjutants of the Party member Hess, who alone have any knowledge of these flights and who, contrary to the Fuehrer's orders, of which they were fully aware, did not prevent or failed to report these flights."

"In these circumstances it must be considered that Party member Hess has either jumped out of his plane or met with an accident."

## Hitler Seeks Use Of Franco-Spanish Rail

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convince the Vichy Government that General Franco has assented to the passage of German troops through Spain.

Marshal Petain so far does not seem to have consented.

**France's New Decrees**  
MADRID, May 12 (Reuter).—Following his recent far-reaching administrative changes, General Franco to-day issued a number of decrees, making changes in high Army posts.

These include the appointment of General Asencio Cabanillas, hitherto High Commissioner to Spanish Morocco, to be Chief of Staff.

A new C-in-C of the Balearic Islands is also appointed, General Gonzalez replacing General Kindelan, who takes command of the Fourth Region of Spain.

General Miguel Ponte, hitherto General Commanding the Army in Morocco, is made a Captain-General.

**Envoy's Movements**  
LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The French Ambassador in Madrid, M. Pietri, returned to Paris to-day from Vichy, where he had had a talk with Marshal Petain.

## Latest Raids Leave Hamburg In Ruins

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condary bombs, and opposite these yards flames were leaping high. The industrial quarters of the town were also vigorously attacked.

The weather at Bremen, which was the night's other main target, was equally fine. A pilot said: "It was the kind of night when only the bomb-aimer could be blamed if we missed the target."

The attacks on Bremen was as heavy as that on Hamburg and, says the Air Ministry, "equally successful."

**German Version**  
BERLIN, May 12 (UP).—The official news agency states that the R.A.F. attack on Hamburg last night was received by a very strong anti-aircraft defense and it is claimed that only a few planes reached the centre of the city, of which five were shot down.

Bombs damaged and destroyed a number of dwellings and one church which was completely burned out. Six civilians including three children were killed and several were wounded.

## Unconcealed Norwegian Sentiments

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Lofoten fishermen have threatened to destroy their nets and cease fishing altogether if any more of their houses are destroyed by the Germans, who are burning them as reprisals for the British raid; it is learned in London.

An amazing demonstration of Norwegian solidarity with Britain occurred at a recent funeral of three British airmen shot down during a raid. Although the island was chosen for the burial and the date and place kept secret, it leaked out and was passed on by word of mouth. When the cortege arrived at the tiny island, the Germans were astonished to find that hundreds of people who had crossed from scores of small boats were lining the graveside, according to a message to the Norwegian telegraph agency.

## Greek Naval Losses

CANEA, Crete, May 12 (Reuter).—The Greek 9,450 ton cruiser Averof, several destroyers and submarines, the only vessels of the Greek Navy which escaped the mass attacks of the German air force on Greek harbours and shipping. The ships lost included three destroyers, ten small torpedo boats and the old battleship, Kilkis, which, having no anti-aircraft protection and being berthed at the Royal Arsenal base, sank after being set on fire during a raid.

This statement was authoritatively made to-day.

**Hellenic Committee**  
CAIRO, May 12 (Reuter).—An overseas Hellenic National Committee has been officially created in Egypt under the Central Government of Crete.

Similar Committees will be formed war shortly in North and South America, South Africa and Australia where there are large Greek communities anxious to carry on the struggle.

## TWO DEMOCRATIC LEADERS CONFER

**Roosevelt and Menzies**  
WASHINGTON, May 12 (Reuter).—Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, had an hour's bedside talk with President Roosevelt, after which Mr Menzies told pressmen: "There were few things we did not talk about. We circumnavigated the globe and it was a stimulating journey."

The Australian Minister, Mr Richard Casey, who accompanied Mr Menzies, said that they talked on matters "past, present and future."

Menzies brought no message from Mr Churchill to President Roosevelt but said that he conveyed verbal personal greetings.

## STOCK EXCHANGE Values Maintained

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, business was quiet but values were generally maintained.

Gilt-edged stocks were mainly steady, industrial movements were small and home rails were unchanged.

De Beers continued to be strong due to a shortage of stock. Among foreign bonds, Iraq 4½ per cent to-day were 48½ compared with 83.

Oils were quiet, Anglo-Iranian stocks being slightly easier.

Wall Street was slow.

## Formosa H.Q. Of Southward Move

TOKYO, May 12 (Reuter).—Formosa is to be the "heart" of Japan's "southward movement," according to Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Governor-General of Formosa. He is quoted in a dispatch from Moji, the Japanese seaport, as saying that with this object "facilities for the industrialisation of Formosa will be completed as other measures have been carried out."

## Lingnan Letter To Mr Roosevelt

Five hundred and nine students and Chinese faculty members of Lingnan University, American missionary institution, who moved to Hongkong from Canton following the fall of the city in 1938, addressed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in connection with the national "China Week" campaign in the United States beginning on May 10, 1941, sponsored by leading Americans with a view to strengthening public opinion in support of the Aid-China policy.

## Another Defence Leakage Stopped

WASHINGTON, May 12 (Reuter).—Legislation designed to stop supply to the Axis Powers of war materials produced in the Philippines was unanimously approved by the Military Committee of the House of Representatives to-day.

It would empower President Roosevelt to control the export of defence materials, including Philippine products.

**SIMLA**, May 12 (Reuter).—Arrangements are being made with a firm in India for the supply of 3½ million military cans conforming with British standard specifications. These cans can be used for foodstuffs.

## Breaks An Ankle In Landing

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of Germany and a Party Leader of the National Socialists, has landed in Scotland in the following circumstances.

"On the night of Saturday, May 10, he left Augsburg, Bavaria, in an aeroplane for an unknown destination and landed by parachute in Scotland, sustaining a broken ankle, necessitating hospital treatment."

"When he was taken, he gave his name as Horn but later on he declared that he was Rudolf Hess."

"He brought with him various photographs of himself at different ages, apparently in order to establish identity. These photographs were deemed to be photographs of Hess by several people who knew him personally."

"Accordingly, an official of the Foreign Office, who was closely acquainted with Hess before the war, has been sent up by aeroplane to see him in hospital."

**Flight To Spain Reported**  
Last month Hess was reported to have flown to Spain with a message for General Franco.

Later an official denial that he was actually visiting Spain was issued but it did not say that he had not been there.

Twelve days ago, Hess was at the Nazi Brown House in Munich receiving Admiral Salvador Morino, the Spanish Minister of Marine, and leader of the Spanish Falangist syndicate.

## Hess The Man: One Of "Old Guard"

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above Himmler, Goebbels, von Ribbentrop and Goering.

Hess was Hitler's private secretary in the old Beer Cellar days and was interned with him in the fortress of Landsberg. There he took down the first pages of "Mein Kampf" at Hitler's dictation.

When Hitler came to power, Hess at the head of the Hitler staff brought to Hitler every bit of confidential information which Hitler required from a state about to be overrun.

**Attended English School**  
Hess spent his boyhood in Egypt and went to an English school at Alexandria. The outbreak of war in 1914 prevented him going to an English university. He was a 100 per cent Party man and never wore any other uniform but the brown shirt of the Storm Trooper or the black coat of the S.S., Hitler's Black Guard.

He is said to be mild-mannered, speaks little and acts quickly, and after Hitler himself lives the most frugal life of any of the Nazi leaders.

## Middle East War

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directed against the Italian flank and rear.

**Aerial Harassing**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
CAIRO, May 12 (Reuter).—The South African Air Force, the Rhodesian Squadron and the R.A.F. have continued to harass the Italians at Ginnara, Scasclamanna, Uadara and Alage.

"One British plane is missing from all Middle-East operations."

## French Harvest

MOSCOW, May 12 (Reuter).—Moscow Radio says that half the grain crop in Unoccupied France has been destroyed owing to late frost.

## Papen In Ankara

VICHY, May 12 (Reuter).—Herr Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador to Turkey, arrived at Ankara this evening, says an Ankara telegram.

**NEW YORK**, May 12 (Reuter).—Eighty per cent of the total tonnage so far lost by the Allies, according to Admiralty figures, is at present under contract or construction in United States shipyards, according to figures issued to-day by the American Bureau of Shipping.

The figures are 800 ships, totalling 5,055,400 tons on May 1.

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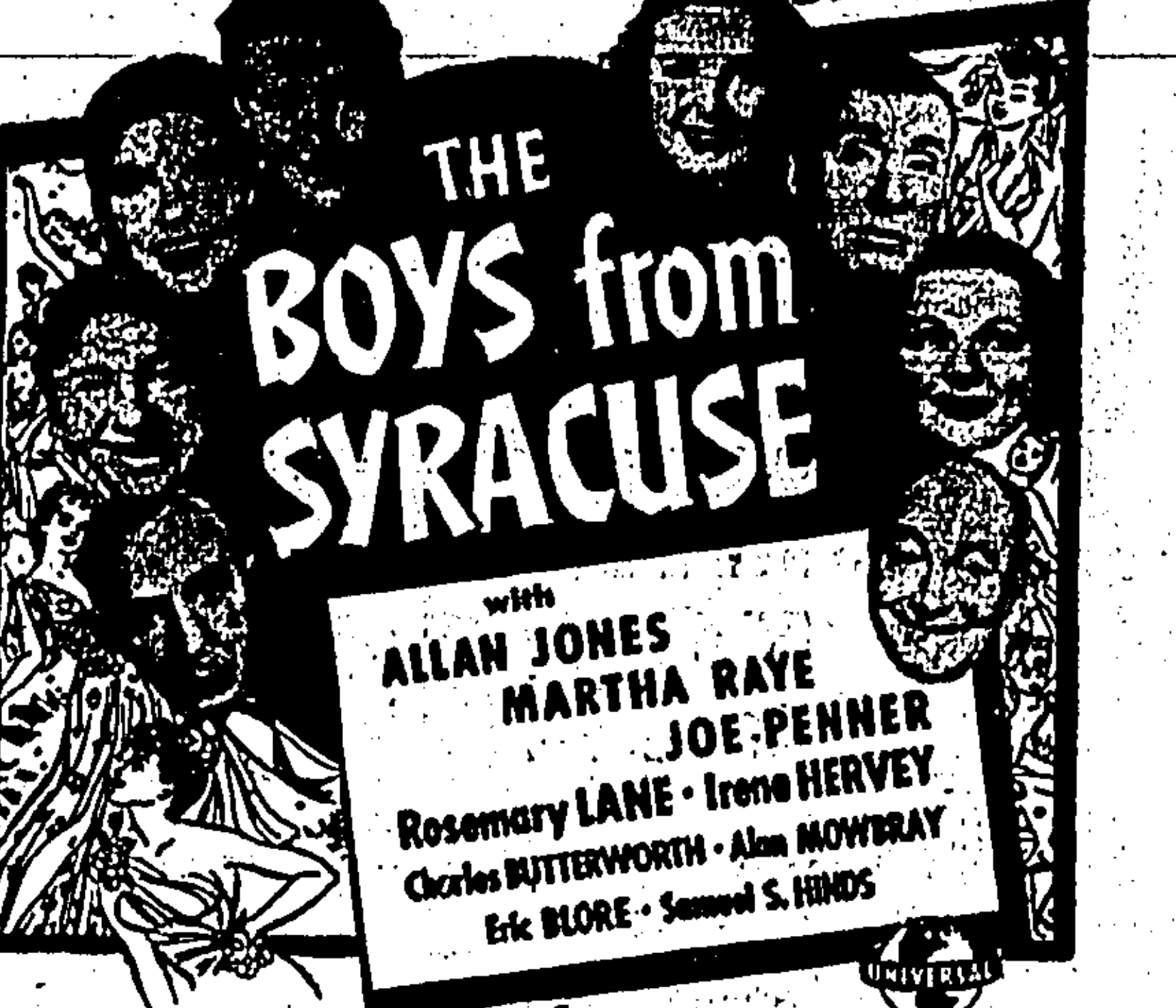
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**DE GAULLE IN BRAZZAVILLE**  
LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces, attended a Joan of Arc memorial service at Brazzaville, West Africa, to-day. He also reviewed the troops and conferred decorations, states the Brazzaville radio.

**Military Control In Rumania**  
LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—A further 17 enterprises, including the Rumanian Danube Shipping Company, have been brought under military control by a decree of the Rumanian Government, says a Bucharest dispatch to Berlin.

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## LONDON BELIEVES HESS DESERTED BECAUSE HE WANTS PEACE TALKS

### Lands On Scottish Earl's Estate: Deputy Fuehrer Hess Requests He Is Taken To See Duke

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, MAY 12 (UP).—IT IS BELIEVED IN LONDON THAT HERR RUDOLF HESS, HITLER'S DEPUTY, ESCAPED FROM GERMANY AND FLEW TO SCOTLAND BECAUSE HE FAVOURED PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITAIN AND AS A RESULT, HAD RUN FOUL OF HITLER AND THE NAZI HIERARCHY. HOWEVER, OFFICIALS IN LONDON REMAIN SECRETIVE REGARDING THE STATEMENTS HESS MADE TO THE AUTHORITIES AT GLASGOW.

THE ONLY AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE IS FROM WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES WHO DECLARE: "HESS'S REMARKS TO THOSE WITH WHOM HE TALKED AT GLASGOW PLACE BEYOND DOUBT HIS COMPLETE SANITY."

London rejoiced at the official announcement that Nazi No. 3 had landed in Scotland. Pending clarification from Hess himself, it is assumed in most quarters that he fled from Germany because of the German policy. Informed quarters asserted that Hess must have "seen the handwriting on the wall" and realised that Germany faces eventual defeat.

The same quarters to-day claimed that the wording of both German and Foreign Office statements supported the assumption that Hess fled by design and did not accidentally land in Scotland.



### HESS THE MAN: ONE OF HITLER'S "OLD GUARD"

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Since the 1934 purge when Captain Roehm and other National Socialist Party leaders were killed on Hitler's personal intervention, the mystery of the death or suicide of Rudolf Hess is probably the most sensational event in German political history.

Hess was a man of imposing presence, tall and well-built, and with intense commanding eyes. He was one of the Nazi "old guard." Although he never played an open part in the Nazi Cabinet in the way of Goering or Goebbels, he has often been reported to have had great influence over Hitler.

Named By Hitler

Addressing the German Reichstag on September 1, 1939, on the day of the German invasion of Poland, Hitler declared: "Should anything happen to me, then my successor is Field Marshal Goering, after him Party member Hess, to whom you would then owe your duty as Leader just as you owe to me."

At one time, pictures of Hess were seen more often in the illustrated

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### Nine Nazis Downed Yesterday

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—"It is now known that in last night's attack on this country, a total of nine enemy aircraft were destroyed," says to-night's Air Ministry communique.

It adds: "There have been very little enemy activity over Britain during daylight to-day. Early this morning bombs were dropped at a point on the southeast coast, doing little damage and causing no casualties."

Almost A Respite

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Enemy bombers last night were reported to be over widely-separated districts in Britain, and some bombs were dropped, but it appeared unlikely that a big scale attack would develop on any area.

The "All-Clear" was sounded in London in the early morning.

Alert In London

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Before midnight an alert was sounded in the London area, but for some time afterwards no raiders were heard overhead.

No Bombs Last Night

LONDON, May 13 (UP).—The all clear was sounded in the London area after slight gunfire shortly after the sirens had given the alarm. No bombs were reported up to 2.30 a.m.

### Another U. S. Strike

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 12 (UP).—The majority of the 10,000 Union members refused to pass the picket lines at seven shipyards where 1,700

machinists have struck forcing the virtual suspension of most plants involving \$500,000,000 worth of defense contracts.

### SUB LAUNCHED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
PORTSMOUTH, N.H., May 12 (UP).—The new submarine Drum was launched at the Navy Yard here to-day.

### Goering's Latest Headache:

### Grave Loss of Nazi Planes

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, May 12 (UP).—Reich Marshal Hermann Goering, as Commander-in-Chief of the German air forces, is now being compelled to consider new tactics in night bombing in an effort to cut down the increasingly heavy casualty toll inflicted by the R.A.F.

Whether he will order the permanent cessation of mass attacks during the bright moonlight nights cannot be known in advance, but he must discover some method of moderating the German losses or else admit that the bright night defences of Britain makes German night domination of the air impossible.

Last night the Germans stopped mass raids on British cities for the first time during the month and concentrated on scattered attacks.

There can be no doubt that he took this action because of the unprecedented losses which the German aircraft have been suffering during the spring offensive.

A total of 130 planes were brought down during the first ten days of May which is "serious" enough—but more dangerous to the Germans in view that the casualties curve shows an upward swing with a total of 32 planes destroyed last night.

### BAGHDAD ESPIONAGE EXPPOSED

Widespread Fifth  
Column Activities

BOMBAY, May 12 (Reuter).—A vivid account of the widespread fifth column activities of enemy agents which led to the outbreak of hostilities between the British and the Raschid Ali clique is given by two Mexican artists who have arrived here from Basra.

The artists who have been in Iraq for 10 months, said that they could detect no anti-British feeling among the people when they went about the country. The majority of people in Iraq looked on the coup d'état of Raschid Ali with a good deal of suspicion and uneasiness. They could never have expected the new regime to involve them in war with the British.

Women Agents  
Baghdad is a hot-bed of espionage and enemy propaganda, according to the artists. In a certain Casino in Baghdad there are many women of foreign nationality who passed off as artists but who can neither sing nor dance. It is generally believed that some of them are at least engaged in political espionage.

The Mexican artists actually left Basra the day that Raschid Ali's forces started hostilities at Habbaniyah. They are firmly convinced that widespread fifth column activity is mainly responsible for the present trouble in Iraq.

### Hess's Last Public Appearances In Reich

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, May 12 (UP).—Rudolf Hess, whom Hitler has publicly chosen as No. 3 Nazi was last seen in public on Sunday at the Reichstag session.

Before the opening of the session, Hess followed Hitler and Goering from the cloak room into the Assembly, wearing a brown party uniform. Throughout Hitler's speech, Hess sat with his arms folded, poker faced, in a chair next to Hitler's.

His last public speech was at the Messerschmitt works at Ugsberg (from where, by interesting coincidence he made his flight to Scotland) on May 1, when he was flanked by Messerschmitt fighters which he praised, and then handed out honour certificates to German industrial leaders.

A newsreel of the event is at present being shown in cinemas throughout Germany.

### Rice Profiteering Ring Smashed

It was revealed this morning that Hongkong's profiteering rice market has been broken as a result of the efforts of the Social Work Committee, set up under the direction of the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, which has established rice selling centres in various parts of the Colony for the purpose of disposing of rice at Government fixed prices.

At some stores it was possible to obtain rice at 13.50 per picul, which is one dollar below the officially controlled price. However, for the most part, this is mixed rice.

During the first two days of operation, the Social Work Committee's centres sold enormous quantities of rice to Chinese who came in their flocks to take advantage of the cheaper prices. However, as a result of to-day's action by the official dealers, sales at the Committee's centres have naturally fallen off.

It is claimed, however, that the Committee has fulfilled its main purpose.

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### Hitler, Stalin & Duce May Meet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, May 12 (Dome).—Diplomatic circles report that Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini are meeting soon to discuss a possible reorganization of European economics and military alliances.

These circles said that if the conference is held, the discussions are expected to form part of far-reaching moves affecting all Europe including political, economic and military questions.

At No. 10 Downing Street reference was made to the fact that the Messerschmitt 110 in which Hess made his flight carried unloaded guns while the plane was not capable of making the round trip. In addition Hess carried photographs of himself.

While the Berlin statement was suspiciously vague, it was noticed that it did not pay tribute to Hess as might be expected. It left his fate open.

It is reported that Hess landed on the Duke of Hamilton's estate at Dungavel, Strathaven in Lanarkshire, and that he apparently knew where he was because when he was picked up he asked to be taken to the Duke.

### Breaks An Ankle In Landing

Hess's Flight  
Described

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Leaving behind a farewell note, Rudolf Hess has fled from Germany and is now in Scotland. He crashed from a German fighter which "significantly" did not have enough petrol to return to Germany.

The most amazing story of the war was told to-night in a communique from No. 10 Downing Street a few hours after Berlin had attempted to anticipate the news by stating that Hess had left a note showing traces of mental disorder and had either committed suicide or fallen from a plane.

Hess, who broke his ankle when he landed, brought photographs of himself at different ages to establish his identity and he has been recognised by several people who knew him well.

Flight To Identify

A Foreign Office official has flown to Glasgow to see him in hospital.

Mr A. Duff-Cooper, Minister of Information, was present at the Ministry to-night when this remarkable announcement was read to representatives of the world's press in a tense atmosphere.

The earlier German announcement was obviously breaking the news to Germans that Hitler's "shadow" and successor-designate after Goering had disappeared.

The Berlin statement said that Hitler had ordered the arrest of Hess' advisers for not preventing or reporting his flight, and there are

### LOCAL BANK FINED \$5,000

The Bank of Canton was fined \$5,000 this morning at Central Magistracy when the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, representing the Bank, pleaded guilty to unlawfully dealing with US\$35,000 enabling an enemy, namely the Italian Bank, to obtain credit.

Mr Lo said his clients were guilty of a technical offence and their part in the deal was played unwittingly.

A full report appears on Page 5.

### Wanton Destruction Of Commons Described

By EDWARD BEATTIE  
Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, May 12 (UP).—Seven high explosive bombs and showers of incendiaries which rained on Parliament early on Sunday turned the Commons chamber into dank, fire-gutted ruins and seriously battered other historic parts of the huge buildings. A.R.P. wardens who were on duty at the time said that they had no doubt but that it was deliberate.

I was in the Commons chamber this afternoon when the first party of correspondents were permitted to view it. It looked like the remains of some dismantled medieval English monastery. Nothing whatever is left of the roof or panelling except a couple of charred timbers sticking high up on the wall. The floor smashed down into the rooms below.

What used to be the debating floor is filled with jumbled charred wood.

fantastically twisted light steel girders, great blocks of stone and battered ornamental ironwork.

It was impossible to enter the chamber at all and I could only gaze at it from the charred lobby from which the Ministers used to enter the room from behind the speaker's seat. The corridors behind are all pools of sooty water, the benches along the walls thick with dust.

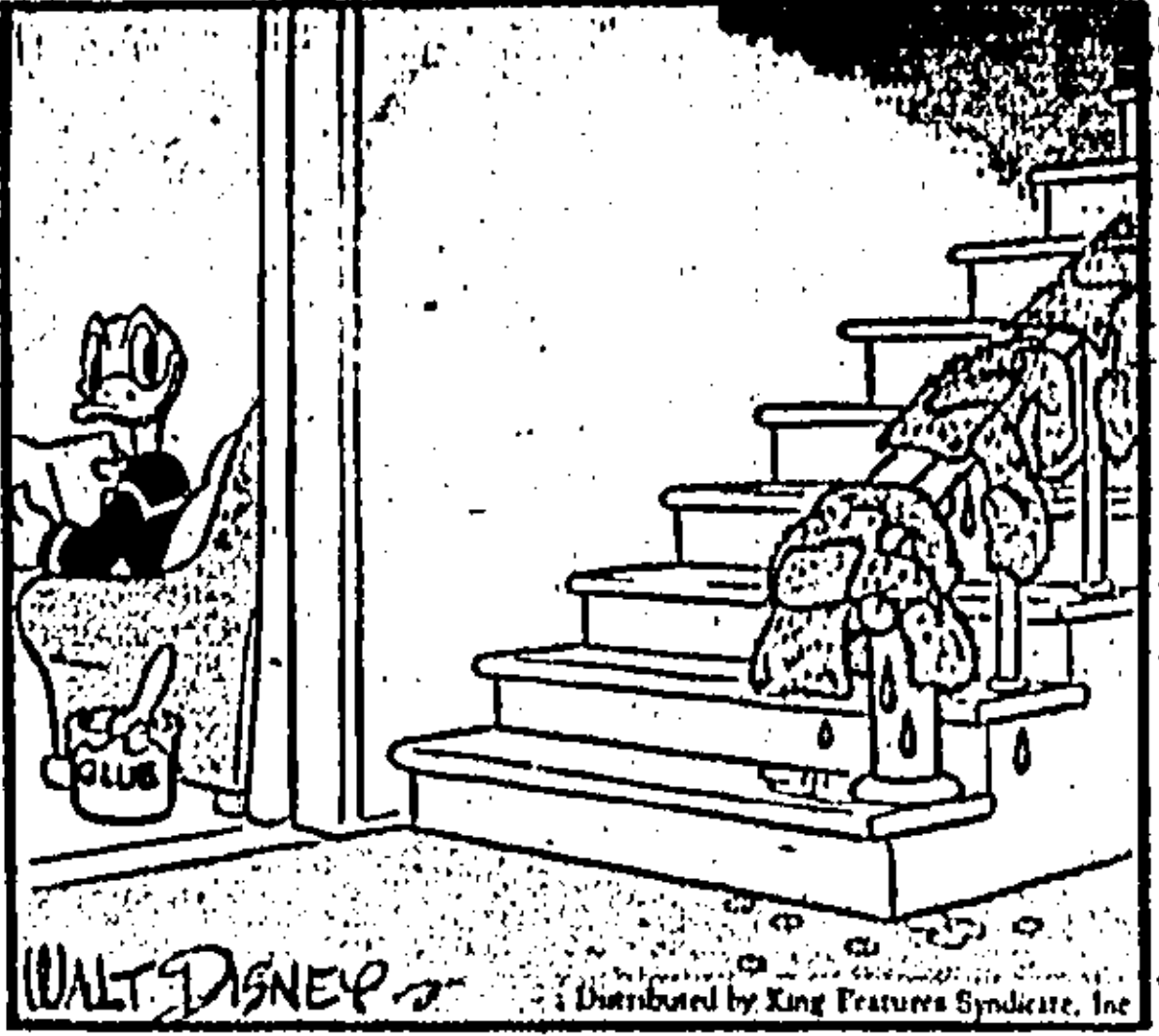
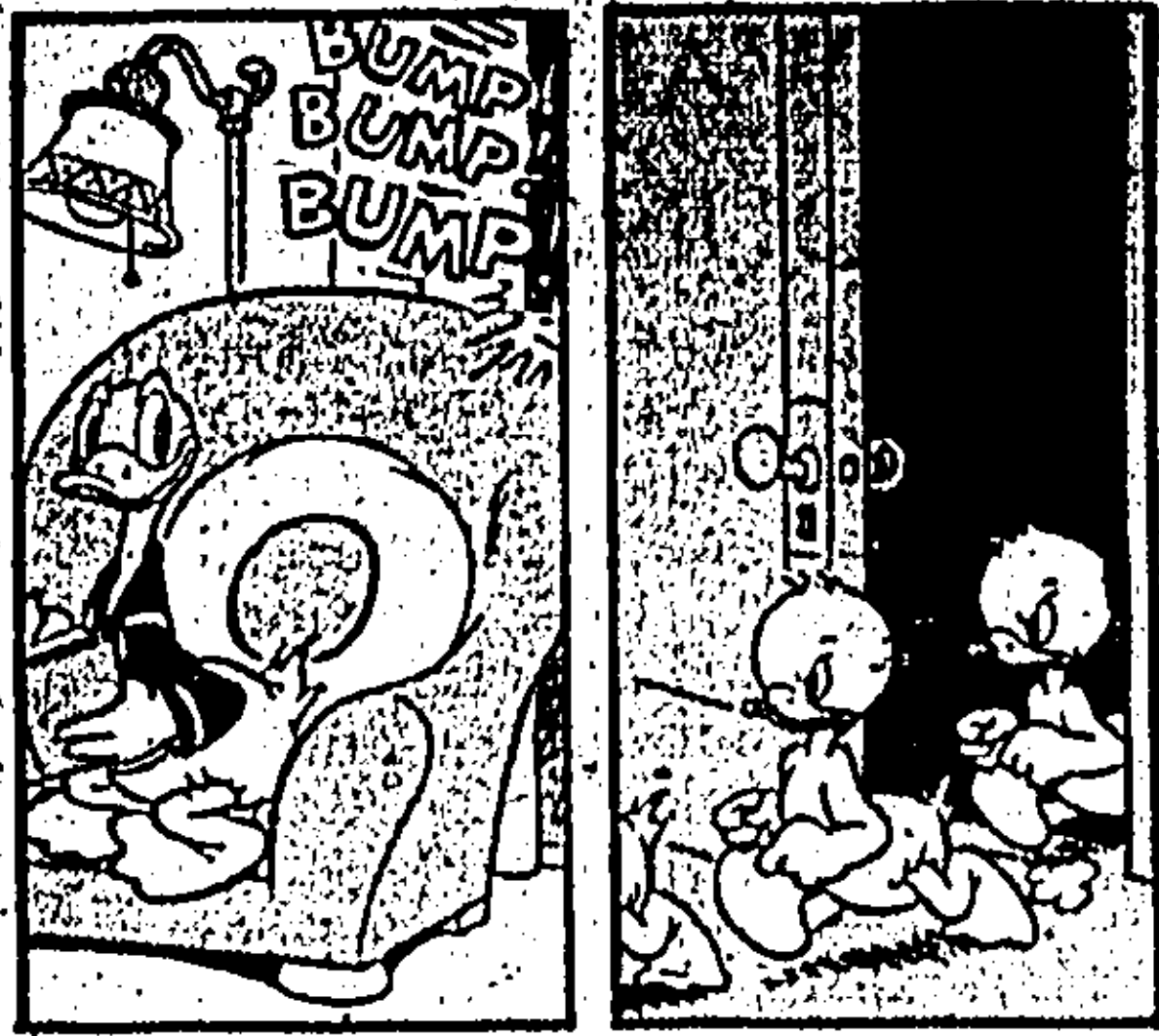
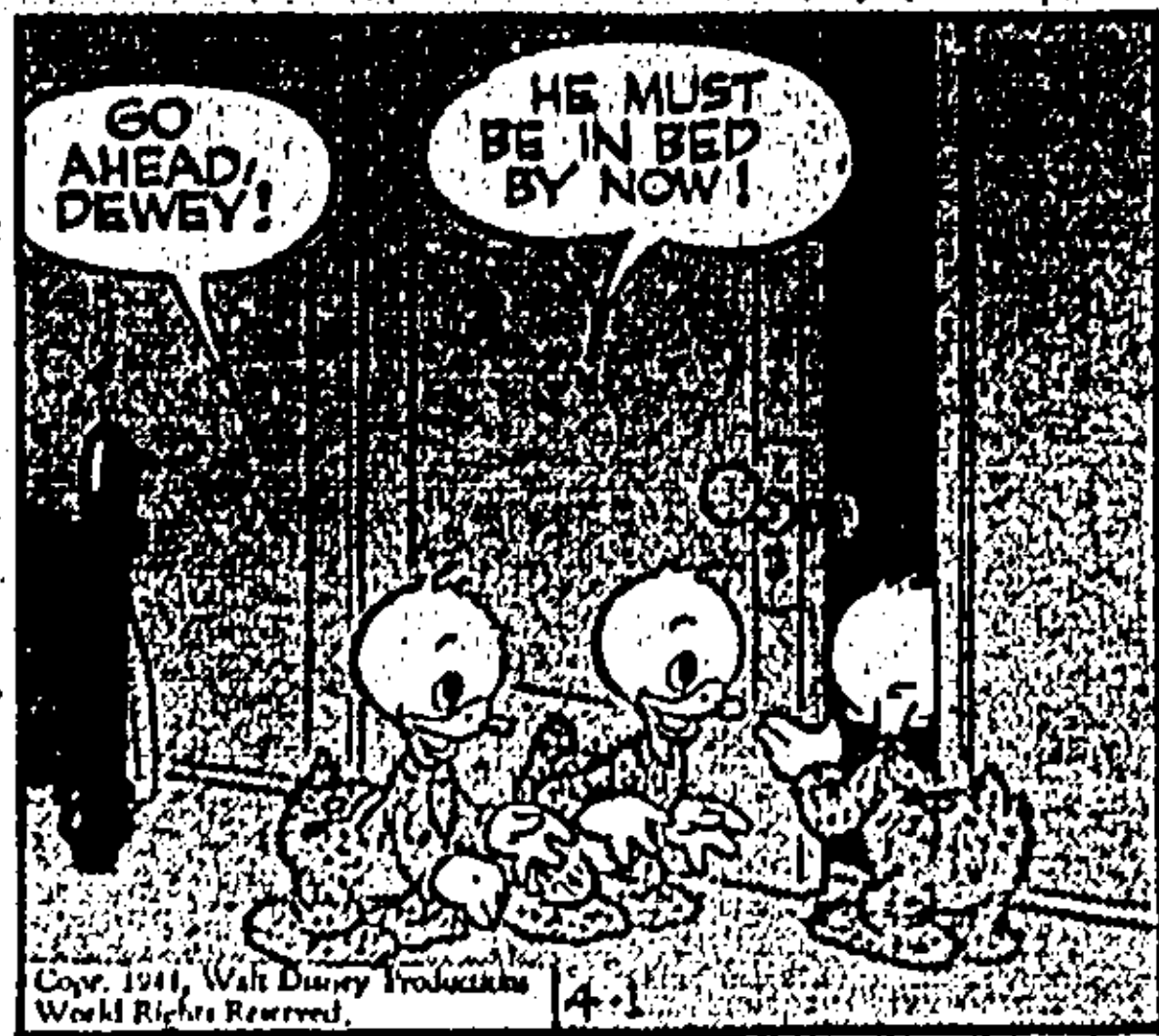
The House of Lords fared better. The gorgeous room with its ornamental oaken woodwork and bright colours was almost intact. All of the windows were blown out.







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"It's from Hitler!—he wants me to visit him at Munich!"

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

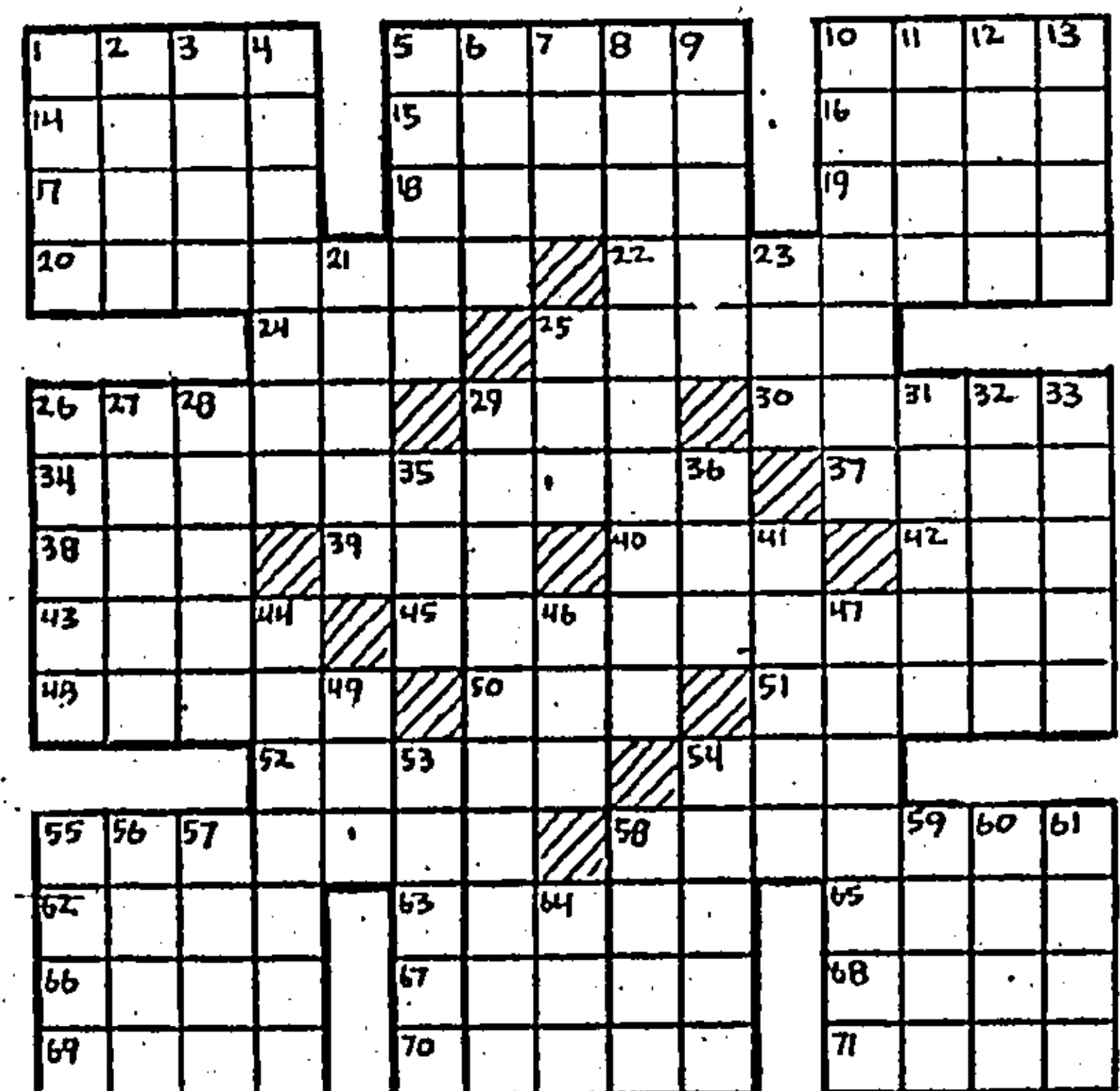
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- Indian province
- Passing
- Known facts
- District in Chicago
- Horse adept at
- Extract information
- Wrestling
- Coin factory
- Arouse suddenly
- Send out lines
- Scible grain
- Pertaining to
- Unstable like part
- Play on words
- Days of light
- Superior trait
- Let it stand
- Little island
- Destroyer (abbr.)
- Possessed
- Main name
- Blackburn
- In airy manner
- Small aquatic birds
- Ited
- Appointments
- Strike with dull
- Adapted to
- Mundane
- Religious sealot
- Century-plant
- Power extract
- Flipped apart

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- Scattered about
- Take of skin
- Peruvian plant
- Reduced
- Apply special
- Process to
- Hesitant by will
- Bluish color
- Poker bet
- Ornamental weights
- Pat. soft
- Center of solar
- In smallest degree
- Extraction
- Player
- Line of verse of
- Five units
- In spirited
- European blackbird
- Remains
- Civil War general
- Heating organ
- Cruel person
- Supplinate
- Joint at pelvis
- Ventilate
- That girl
- Not suitable
- Turned out
- South-African
- Dutch
- Instinct
- Small deer
- Confront
- Attract
- Pecula
- Curse unit
- Japanese Oak



Two pictures of China's rising young womanhood, healthy and alert to to-day's problems. They are students of the True Light School—engaging in anti-gas drill, at left, and resting between athletics, below. (Photos: New China Newspapers).

out free China. More than 13,000 are reported working in the new industrial co-operative movement which is sweeping China's vast interior. War has made Chinese women aware of the world

## War Thrusts Opportunity Upon China's Women

From the peasant grandmother whose only weapon in dealing with a spy was her knitting needles, to slender Madame Chiang Kai-shek, "the boss' wife" to 400,000,000 people, Chinese women more and more are getting into the country's fight against Japan.

The old peasant woman is merely one of thousands of women who are doing anything they can to help out. She was acting as a roadside passport inspector in the hills near the Japanese lines, and was knitting a sock for the boys at the front as she guarded the road.

A suspicious-looking Chinese fled when she demanded to see his passport, so she gave chase and captured him though she was armed only with her knitting needles. He was declared to be a spy in Japanese pay.

### Facing The Future

The average Chinese woman may not play such a valorous role in China's gallant struggle to survive. But, like all women at war, she tries to maintain her broken family and do war work at the same time. She knits, rolls bandages, makes uniforms, dispenses first aid, feeds orphans, nurses the wounded, weeps over her slain, and faces the future with the courage born of necessity.

At the same time she may be working in a small factory or otherwise earning her daily bread in some one of the new jobs that have opened up for women in China, according to J. D. White, Associated Press correspondent, who has returned to the United States after nearly nine years in China. Mr White has watched the development of the Japanese-Chinese war from the vantage point of Peiping, and has travelled through much of North China, Inner Mongolia, and Manchuria under war conditions.

Chinese women are emerging only gradually from the seclusion of centuries. Though binding the feet of girl children is now very rare, there

still are millions of Chinese women who stomp through life on deformed feet—marks of the day in China when women were part of a social system which defined a woman's place as strictly behind family walls. To-day the unbound foot is a symbol of what is happening to Chinese women. Having more freedom, they travel farther; do and learn more than did their mothers and grandmothers.

### Women Awakening

This modern process of "liberating" Chinese women was well under way when war with Japan began. But it had left untouched literally millions of women in the back country. To-day China's "backwoods" are the centre of Chinese war effort. Here the awakening women are finding opportunity thrust upon them.

Among the more spectacular "new women" of China are the 20,000 girls reported to be working among the guerillas.

"I have known some of these girls," says Mr White. "They were college and high-school students when the war began. Many of them came from wealthy families, but they left luxurious homes, and either fled before the Japanese advance or slipped through the lines afterward to live the life of a peasant. To-day, instead of high heels they wear straw sandals. Where they used to wear the latest Shanghai creations, they now dress in plain cotton gowns or slacks suits. Where once they had good food, they now live frugally. They live among the farm folk of the interior, organising them for resistance against the Japanese. They write and stage propaganda plays, do welfare work, teach first aid, and nurse the wounded—in addition to holding down regular jobs in hundreds of new schools set up to teach farm families to read and write."

Girls from the cities do all this only after going through a basic military course where they learn the rudiments of handling a rifle and carrying on guerilla warfare. Some graduate to actual military service. From the Canton region come reports of one young woman who was so clever at guerilla strategy that she has become the leader of several thousand raiders who harry the Japanese.

Latest reports state that 5,000 women are working in new cotton factories through-



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**BOMBING OF CIVILIANS**

THE brave words of the news reports, the success of Royal Air Force night fighters and the minimising of damage achieved by the Herculean labours of civilian defence forces cannot altogether suppress the thrill of horror at the latest savage bombing of London and the acts of vandalism wrought on such world-known institutions as Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament.

Portsmouth and the Merseyside recently had their weeks of intensive night bombing with great loss to civilian life and property. The poor in London have had their homes blown skyhigh many times now. Each fresh wave of destruction brings forward again the question of retributive bombing; a natural desire—to-bring-home-to-the-German citizen the sort of code his proud air force executes abroad. A recent poll on this subject in England found a growing weight of sentiment behind punishing the German civilians for the sins of their armed forces by area bombing as against precision bombing, but it is doubtful whether we shall do this; at least without prior warning to the town to be assailed. That would be rather a Quixotic idea exposing our own air force to concentrated defence fire and would perhaps be wasted on the Prussian mind. The idea might be successful, however, if the Royal Air Force succeeded in making the area uninhabitable for a time.

The progress of the war has established by now, however, that indiscriminate bombing cannot win a victory. It can reduce the resources and suppress the free life of a country but a determined people will not be cowed by it and an active leadership will devise largely adequate defences. Thus the blitzkrieg over Britain has fallen far short of the boasts of Hitler and Goering. True the air has been black with the wings of the invaders sweeping right across the countryside—but the air has been made considerably clearer on the return trip by the Royal Air Force.

The raids on the civilians of Britain have united the country where Hitler hoped to divide it; they have underscored the ignoble character of the German fighter who instead it might have been whitewashed; they have taught us in time a lesson in preparedness from which at long last, under the lash of the Luftwaffe, we are profiting in deadly earnest.

One of the things we should do when Germany is beaten to her knees, is to make a mass daylong raid on Berlin after all the inhabitants have been given a week to evacuate. The ashes of that city would be a fitting memorial to all that the Germans are fighting for in this war.

By **HELEN WALKER DUNCAN**

Dozens of women and children from Hongkong mingled with the dense crowds which swarmed throughout the Sydney Showground to witness the Royal Empire Show during Easter week.

We thought that, by now, we were used to crowds in the city streets, but I am sure none of us have ever jostled and pushed amongst so many people before.

The Showground is a little city within the city of Sydney and, during the ten days of the exhibition, a great human tide (besprinkled with "sticky-beaks" from Hongkong) flowed with difficulty along the 14 miles of roadway. Exhibition halls and pavilions were choked with eager, struggling sample hunters. Happy crowds in holiday mood enjoyed all the fun of the fair around the side-shows, and a huge throng, packed tightly around the great arena, was thrilled every day by the brilliant cavalcade of the Grand Parade and ring events.

In the early days—way back in the 1840's—agricultural shows or fairs were held at Parramatta, just outside Sydney.

**Broke New Ground**

By 1869, the influence of Sydney asserted itself, and that year a show was held in the Prince Alfred Park. An exhibition building was built there a year later and housed the first Inter-Colonial Exhibition in Sydney. For several years, shows were held there but, in 1882, evening by members of the first show was held at defence services, police, and what is now officially termed women's war organisations.

Since our arrival from Hongkong last year, we by members of the police evacuate have been told force. Each of the hour much about Sydney's annual figures on the gigantic clock show. We were told that was outlined by police in one Royal Show looked very blue uniforms and police much like any other but we cadets in physical culture were eager to see it. Though singlets and white trousers, new to us, however, we The hands of the clock were

**PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE**

**Seconds Out of the Ring!**

AN idiotic conversation breaks out in a sudden burst, like rice from a torn bag. We have been out in the wilds, learning the important art of creeping and crawling.

The idea is, to emulate the serpent, and get along on the points of one's ribs. One protruding haunch may betray the whereabouts of a whole section.

We have been approaching a point covered by a light machine gun. The Kid from Widnes, drunk with the joy of firing blank ammunition, has, according to a very conservative estimate, met his death 37 times.

Siberia ought to be wounded in a place he could not with glory boast about. We are, nevertheless, learning how to do it.

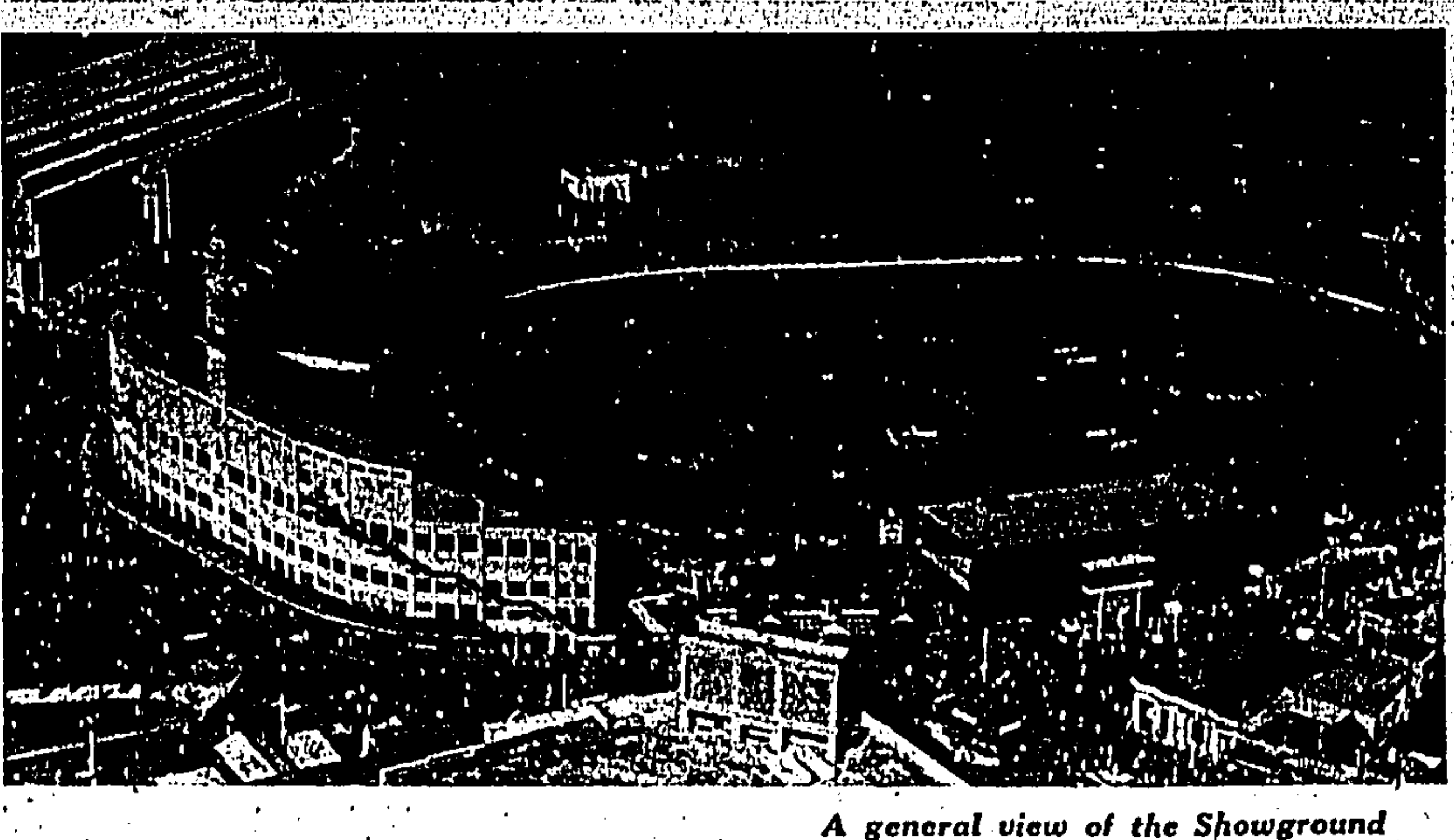
And now, having been permitted to fall out for a smoke, we find ourselves talking unmitigated balderdash.

"My old woman," says the Old Soldier, "talks tripe. She says why don't Hitler and Churchill have a set-to all by themselves, and settle the war that way?"

"That wouldn't be fair," says Widnes. "Hitler's the younger man. Old Winnie's getting on in years."

"I dunno," says the Lad from the Elephant and Castle. "Old Winnie's got plenty go in 'im. It's the fighting spirit, see."

"Winnie breathes easy," says the Old Soldier.



A general view of the Showground

# Evacuates Enjoy Sydney's Royal Empire Show

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Daily there was a long programme of ring events, wood-chopping and an Em- pire pageant. Every even- ing there was also a rodeo in which men from the out- back threw steers with their bare hands. Men and girls clung incredibly to buck- jumpers, risked injuries from flying hooves, fell, re- mounted and tried again.

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could sense that this year's exhibition broke new ground as an Empire rather than as a purely Australian pageant. It is claimed for the Easter Show that, apart from being a national stocktaking of Australia's primary and secondary industries, it is one of the nation's biggest money spinners.

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**Popular Feature**

The wood-chopping com- petitions were among the open another door to let the most popular features of the surplus people out. Show, and proved of great interest to Hongkong visi- tors. That I find it difficult to re- member them all in detail.

Every day, the ring of the axe could be heard as it cut its way through scores of 10-inch logs. Stalwarts from the big timber country were in action, chopping huge logs, saving gigantic limbs and performing miracles of balanced dexterity as they swung their axes 15 feet above-the-ground.

Back- The sideshows too, with woodsmen from America their popple of steam or- have described the tree-fell- ing contests at the Sydney- gans and the cries of show- ing contests at the Sydney- Show as the greatest tests thousands of visitors. There of axemanship they have was the thinnest man in the world; a 42-stone girl; the "Missing Link"; Ubangi the main arena, a grand parade dwarf and Boris the big of the finest cattle and man. There was also a horses in Australia held the gentleman whose secret ray interest of many, thousands suspended frying pans in who crowded the stands and the air and cooked eggs in fences. This parade is ac- them. A rival showman knowledgeable as the greatest offered to suspend his assist- spectacle of its kind in the ant in space without the world. Led by a cavalcade use of a ray and without of standard-bearers, the proposing to fry eggs on cattle and horses moved him.

around the arena in a seem- ingly endless procession, with the traditional child- while the sun shone on their ren's day, which was greatly well-groomed coats. enjoyed by many thousands The parade and the ring of boys and girls who events were broadcast swarmed to all parts of the through dozens of loud- grounds, Many Hongkong speakers to the thousands children, enjoying their of people crowded in the Easter holidays from school, stands. Occasionally, in the had the time of their lives midst of some such descrip- tion, would come an urgent that day at the show. call for Mrs X to proceed Many exhibitors and immediately to the lost chil- stand-holders sold out their dren's tent in order to pick products cheaply during the up her wandering tribe, or last day of the Show. Women an S.O.S. would be broadcast scrambled for vegetables and from somebody's aunt who preserves as the district ex- was still waiting at the cor- hibits were. sold, and one bevy of small boys attempt- ed to carry away a huge pumpkin offered to them by

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# BANK OF CANTON FINED \$5,000 FOR DEAL INVOLVING ENEMY

For enabling an enemy alien in Shanghai to obtain money or credit, the Bank of Canton, Ltd., No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central, was fined \$5,000 by Mr H. G. Sheldon K.C. at Central Magistracy this morning.

The Bank was summoned for dealing, on December 3, 1940, without lawful authority, with US\$35,000 for the purpose of enabling an enemy, the Italian Bank of China, Shanghai, to obtain money or credit.

Mr T. J. Gould, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and Defendant firm was represented by the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo.

Mr Gould said that under a warrant certain documents were obtained from the Bank of Canton. The case was based upon the evidence contained in these documents.

There were telegrams exchanged between the Shanghai Branch of the Bank, the Hongkong Head Office and the Guarantee Trust Company in New York. On December 3, 1940, the Head Office received a telegram from the Shanghai Branch asking them to transfer US\$35,000 to the Guarantee Trust Company for credit of the Italian Bank in Shanghai. The Head Office cabled its agents in New York to complete the transaction and at the same time asking the agents to cable the Bank's Shanghai office saying the following words: "We only wire pay Guarantee Trust Company, we do not mention for whose account."

## Knew It Was Wrong

A reply was then received from the Shanghai Office, reading "Reply to your cable just received we have cabled for whose account," i.e. the Italian Bank of China.

Mr Gould submitted that these telegrams indicated plainly that the officer knew that he was breaking the law by authorising the transfer of \$35,000 to the Italian Bank by virtue of the fact that they could not mention for whose account the money was to be credited.

He said that he learned from Mr Lo that the Bank was not motivated by any desire to impede the war effort, but at the same time they did know that they were breaking the law, and he asked his Worship to impose a severe penalty.

Mr Lo pleaded guilty to a technical offence.

## Mr Lo's Submissions

Mr Lo said: Before I come to the facts of this case I would like to deal generally with the Bank's position in relation to the war. This is a Chinese bank and its actions have always been guided by the conviction that the interests of China and Great Britain are bound up, and that the cause of both countries is identical.

Ever since the European war started the Bank has fulfilled its duties in financing businesses in Hongkong irrespective of any period of tension or depression through which the Colony has passed. It has consistently supported generously all war efforts and charities. I may mention that only quite recently this Bank and its Chief Manager, and Assistant Chief Managers, contributed liberally towards the purchase of mobile canteens to Great Britain for which the thanks of the Secretary of State for the Colonies were received through H.E. the Acting Governor. In regard to the last issue of Hongkong Government bonds this was one of the few banks in Hongkong which responded to the issue, and took up bonds to the value of half a million dollars. Its pro-Alled feelings and support are well known. I understand that Government fully accepts this position.

## Re-Organised

Coming now to the facts. The Bank was re-organised in 1936. Most of its officers have come from the North. As Your Worship may know, concerns like this Bank always regard the assets of its branches as being absolutely separate and distinct from one another, and from the Head Office.

On account of the political situation the Shanghai Office in 1936, transferred all its liquid assets to Hongkong, with the request that the Hongkong office should send them to America and hold them on behalf of the Shanghai branch.

When the telegram was received asking the Bank to charge the Shanghai branch with US\$35,000 and pay to the Guarantee Trust of New York, for account of the Italian Bank for China in Shanghai, this was received and attended to by the department concerned as a matter of routine. The Assistant Manager had some idea that the Hongkong office should have no dealings with the Italian Bank. But he thought that as the assets were those of the Shanghai office, and as the Hongkong office had to pay out according to Shanghai directions, he wired back

that the Bank could only wire to pay the Guarantee Trust but could not mention for whose account.

As the result of censorship requirements owing to the War, all telegrams have to be in plain language and be censored. All the telegrams in this case were sent openly and your Worship will appreciate that this fact is strong evidence that the Bank did not appreciate the legal position, and had no mala fides.

After these cables the Hongkong office then learnt that the payment was made as part of an exchange transaction. If the Shanghai office had not carried out this transaction numerous other banks in Shanghai could have done so. But the Hongkong office has now given the strictest instructions that there should be no such transactions in the future. Directly the proper officer of the Crown wrote to the Hongkong office asking if a remittance had been made to the Italian Bank, the Hongkong office made the fullest disclosure, and has given the fullest information to the authorities.

## Previous Instructions

This action is all the more to be deplored because, as early as January 11, 1939, i.e. eight months before the war broke out, the Hongkong office had instructed the Shanghai office not to deal with the Italian Bank, and the Shanghai office on January 16, 1939, had reported that they would have no more dealings with them.

Had the Assistant Manager realised the position and consulted the Chief Manager, as he should have done, this case would not have arisen.

Before I conclude, may I say one word as to the extraordinarily difficult position in which the Bank finds itself vis-a-vis its branch in Shanghai. Although the Bank, being incorporated in Hongkong and with its Head Office in Hongkong, is, for the purpose of local legislation, deemed to be a British subject, yet its branch is not and has never been regarded as a British subject by the British Authorities in Shanghai for any purpose whatsoever.

## Reference to Hankow Days

It was on this ground that the British Authorities refused to interfere on behalf of the Bank when the Hankow branch was taken possession of by the Japanese. For the same reason, whilst all other British banks and institutions are kept fully informed of the requirements of British law by the British Embassy, no such assistance was ever given to the Shanghai Office.

I have told Your Worship that it was an exchange for another. In this case, Chinese National dollars were given in exchange for American dollars; I have told Your Worship that these American dollars actually belong to the Shanghai Office. I understand that in the International Settlement the buying and selling of foreign-exchange is free and without any restriction of any kind. Such transactions are usually done through exchange brokers, in which neither the seller nor the buyer is known one to the other until the contract is actually tendered by the broker.

## Price of Repudiation

Had the Shanghai Office repudiated its bargain on ascertaining that the buyer was the Italian Bank, the branch could have been sued in the Chinese Courts and its officers might be subject to actual violence. And the same transaction could have been and would have been carried through by another bank.

May I make a last point? Suppose the Shanghai Office had cabled to Hongkong merely - instructing the Hongkong office to cable the Guarantee Trust to place the amount at the disposal of the Shanghai office, nothing would have happened. For reasons already explained, the British Authorities in Shanghai did not seek to restrict the dealings of the Shanghai office for the simple reason that it is not regarded as a British subject.

## Technical Offence

I do, therefore, submit that in this sense what the Hongkong office has done is a mere technical offence, as the assets were those of the Shanghai office, and merely out of its desire to promote the Allied cause, the Hongkong office has already

given very strict instructions to the Shanghai office as well as other branches to have no further dealings of this kind.

On behalf of the Bank I tender its sincere regrets, and in view of the Bank's record and its attitude and convictions I ask Your Worship to bear these facts in mind in considering what penalty to impose.

In fining the Defendant Bank, his Worship said that he appreciated the peculiar position in which it stood, but the law had been broken and the maximum penalty was \$10,000.

## Von Papen Returns To Ankara

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, May 12 (UP).—A dispatch from Istanbul to the official news agency to-day stated that Franz von Papen, Nazi Ambassador to Turkey arrived in Istanbul at 5.15 p.m. and left for Ankara in the same special plane after a brief pause.

### At Istanbul

ISTANBUL, May 12 (UP).—The Nazi Ambassador to Turkey arrived here at 5 p.m. after a non-stop flight from Salzburg in a twin-engine Dornier transport plane which was re-fuelled at the Istanbul airport, and proceeded to Ankara at 6 p.m.

He was accompanied by his wife and one daughter and was met by representatives of the Nazi Embassy but no Turkish officials were on hand. He declined to make any statement to the press.

## THAI ARMY NEAR MALAYA

### Liaison With Axis

BANGKOK, May 13 (Reuters).—The Thai radio states that a new military command, comprising 25 battalions, has been created in the south where Thailand has a land-frontier with Malaya.

"As changes and improvements are being carried out in the German and Japanese armies," the Thai authorities contemplate sending several Thai officers to be attached to those armies.

For the first time Germany and Thailand are shortly sending military attaches to their respective Legations in Bangkok and Berlin.

## EXPORT OF SCRAP Permit Said Refused

Lam Shui, 35, salesman of No. 84, Connaught Road, West, second floor, was charged before Mr D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistracy this morning with attempting to export 10 bags of scrap iron without the permission of the Controller of Trade.

Revenue Officer Aherm said that the bags were found on a junk by Police in the course of a routine search.

Defendant said he had applied for a permit but his application was refused.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

## CAROL FOR CUBA

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERMUDA, May 12 (UP).—King Carol of Rumania to-day confirmed to the press that he is making his home in Cuba, "at least it will be as permanent as could be expected," but he admitted that his future plans are uncertain.

He declined to say how he escaped from Spain.

## Attempting To Cut Supplies

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, May 12 (UP).—Chinese military quarters stated that the Japanese have concentrated six divisions in an effort to cross the Yellow River and reach Loyang or Sian, aiming to cut the Russian supply route.

## WHAT INVASION WOULD BE LIKE

General Sir Ronald Adam, Commander-in-Chief of the Northern Army, gave his impression recently of what Hitler's threatened invasion of Britain would be like.

He dispelled popular notions that it would be a mere two-day affair, with the business of the nation continuing "as usual" after swift victory. His forecast was of enemy troops making many isolated feints to prepare for mass attack elsewhere, and of large areas left undisturbed by all forms of warfare except air raids.

In my opinion (he said) invasion is Hitler's only chance of winning. If he is going to try it, I think he will do so before next winter.

Any attempt at it now will be four times more difficult than it would have been last autumn. It is an appalling task. If all people keep their heads—as I feel sure they will—Hitler cannot win.

There is perhaps a wrong idea in the minds of many people in Britain on what invasion will mean.

People think in terms of everyone going to meet the attack and of all normal activities coming to an end for a couple of days, after which the threat will be over.

### Many Feints

But invasion is not a matter that will involve the whole population. It will probably consist of feints at some points, followed by a strong attack at others.

The rest of the country will be comparatively peaceful except for bombing. Whoever possible people will have to carry on with their jobs. Cows, for instance, must be milked and the other animals looked after.

The Germans may seek to create confusion by giving the impression that they are using parachute troops wearing British uniforms or in civilian clothes.

But I know of no proved example of German parachute troops coming down in Dutch or Belgian uniforms during their invasion of those countries.

Such a procedure is fraught with many difficulties. Tanks and more tanks are the answer to the threat of invasion. I am happy to say that these tanks are coming along very well.

### Took A Chance

The Army has trained hard during the winter. I took a chance then by bringing men away from the beaches so that they could undergo other forms of training. The result had been a steady building up of strength all the time.

It can also be said that the Home Guard has come on amazingly. I never expected them to stick it as they have done. They are splendid fellows and I have every faith in them.

## Dummy Rifles In Tomb

Rumours that a secret arsenal had been discovered in a stone tomb in a Salisbury churchyard were soon dispelled.

These rumours flew round the town after police had been seen investigating the tomb at night. Rifles were in fact found—but they were of the wooden theatrical type and quite useless.

The police were merely inquiring into a report that children had been playing with rifles in the churchyard. It is thought that the dummy rifles were thrust into the tomb for cheap storage.

## Hitler's "Mein Kampf" Is Banned In France

One method used by Adolph Hitler to alter the culture of subjugated peoples is graphically illustrated in the recent exhibition in the Princeton University Library of books which have been put on the proscribed list by the Nazi authorities and ordered to be withdrawn from sale in Occupied France.

Most of the volumes were drawn from the fields of history, civics, geography, and politics, particularly books on Communism. Also included were many children's books, primers and language texts.

A French translation of Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was on the list and is explained by the fact the book is intended for the use of German readers and not for subjugated peoples. The biography of President Roosevelt by Emil Ludwig is proscribed, and are the works of Thomas Mann, Albert Einstein, Stefan Zweig, Victor Baum, and H. G. Wells.

### "All Quiet" Banned

Works which discourage the use of war as a method of attaining social change are among those that the French people are forbidden to read. "Civilization," a straight-forward account of the activities of a military surgeon, by Georges Duhamel, and "All Quiet on the Western Front," by Eric Maria Remarque, are two such volumes which are on display.

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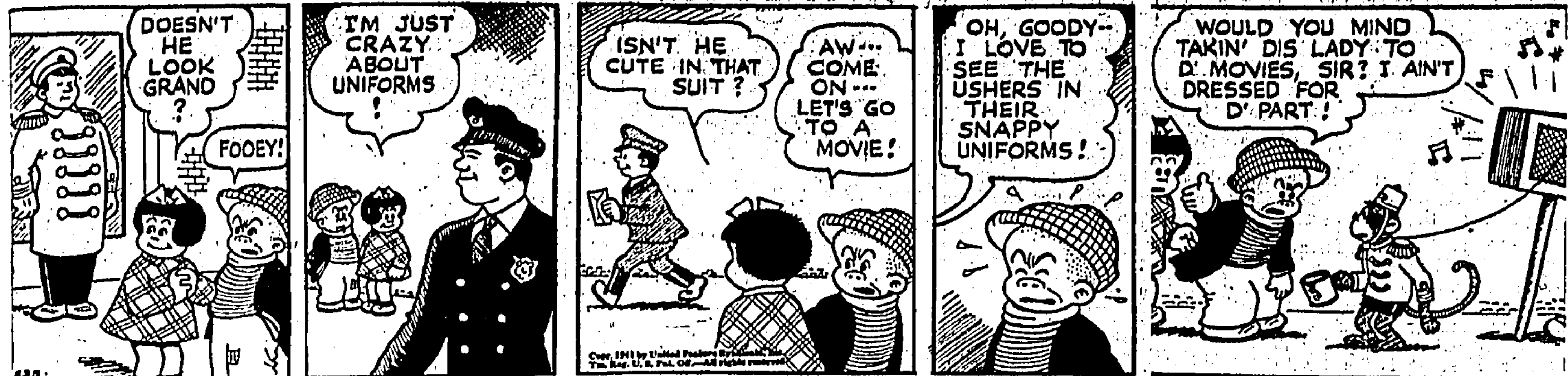
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

# Hitler Seeks Use Of The Franco-Spanish Railway

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The Germans are reported to be pressing the Vichy Government for permission to use the Pau-Saragossa Railway to convey German troops to Spain because the Bordeaux-St Sebastian line in occupied territory is inadequate to carry troops in large numbers, says an independent French Agency correspondent on the French frontier.

There are no indications that the Germans intend the immediate use of the Pau line even if Vichy agrees, but they have made the request apparently to convince the Vichy Government that General Franco has assented to the passage of German troops through Spain.

## France's New Decrees

MADRID, May 12 (Reuter).—Following his recent far-reaching administrative changes, General Franco to-day issued a number of decrees, making changes in high Army posts.

These include the appointment of General Asencio Cabanillas, hitherto High Commissioner in Spanish Morocco, to be Chief of Staff.

A new C-in-C of the Balearic Islands is also appointed, General Gonzalez replacing General Kindelan, who takes command of the Fourth Region of Spain.

General Miguel Ponte, hitherto General Commanding the Army in Morocco, is made a Captain-General.

## Another Defence Leakage Stopped

WASHINGTON, May 12 (Reuter).—Legislation designed to stop supply to the Axis Powers of war materials produced in the Philippines was unanimously approved by the Military Committee of the House of Representatives to-day.

It would empower President Roosevelt to control the export of defence materials, including Philippine products.

# America is Suspicious of Japan Peace Move Report

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP).—The inspired reports of a new peace drive in the Chinese war are interpreted here as another attempt to ensure that the United States fleet stays in the Pacific, regardless of events in the Atlantic.

Some of the rumours are originating in Washington, but most of them in Tokyo, all calculated to draw a statement from the United States as to just what naval policy will be followed in the event of a further Japanese move southward.

President Roosevelt and Mr. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, are expected to discuss the situation to-day. Mr. Menzies has been conferring with the State Department and has presumably touched on the subject of United States-Australian collaboration in the event of a Japanese move in the south Pacific.

The Chinese peace suggestions have not been taken seriously here, but are tagged as an attempt to make the United States fear that the Japanese army, freed from the war in China, might attempt to seize the Dutch East Indies.

The suggestion in the Japanese press that Mr. Matsuo visit the United States is likewise classed as being without responsible backing.

## Formosa H.Q. Of Southward Move

TOKYO, May 12 (Reuter).—Formosa is to be the "heart" of Japan's "southward movement," according to Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Governor-General of Formosa.

He is quoted in a dispatch from Meiji, the Japanese seaport, as saying that with this object "facilities for the industrialisation of Formosa will be completed as other measures have been carried out."

# Unconcealed Norwegian Sentiments

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Lofoten fishermen have threatened to destroy their nets and cease fishing altogether if any more of their houses are destroyed by the Germans, who are burning them as reprisals for the British raid, it is learned in London.

An amazing demonstration of Norwegian solidarity with Britain occurred at a recent funeral of three British airmen shot down during a raid. Although a lonely island was chosen for the burial and the date and place kept secret, it leaked out and was passed on by word of mouth. When the cortege arrived at the tiny island, the Germans were astonished to find that hundreds of people who had crossed from scores of small boats were lining the graveside, according to a message to the Norwegian-telegraph agency.

## Papen In Ankara

VICHY, May 12 (Reuter).—Herr Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador to Turkey, arrived at Ankara this evening, says an Ankara telegram.



Miss Constance Low (French Convent) receiving the prize for the Senior Girls 400 Metres Relay Race from the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo at the Hongkong Inter-School Sports at Caroline Hill on Sunday.—Sun Ying Ming Studio.

# Greek Naval Losses

CANEA, Crete, May 12 (Reuter).—The Greek 9,450 ton cruiser Averof, several destroyers and submarines are the only vessels of the Greek Navy which escaped the mass attacks of the German air force on Greek harbours and shipping.

The ships lost included three destroyers, ten small torpedo boats and the old battleship, Kilkis, which, having no anti-aircraft protection and being berthed at the Royal Arsenal base, sank after being set on fire during a raid.

## Hellenic Committee

CAIRO, May 12 (Reuter).—An overseas-Hellenic National Committee has been officially created in Egypt under the Central Government of Crete.

Similar Committees will be formed very shortly in North and South America, South Africa and Australia where there are large Greek communities anxious to carry on the struggle.

# MIDDLE EAST WAR REPORTS

## Official Communique

CAIRO, May 12 (UP).—Today's General Headquarters communique states: "Libya: At Tobruk our mechanised patrols surprised a considerable party of the enemy inflicting casualties and capturing 32 prisoners. In the Sollum area, our patrols yesterday were continuing their harassing tactics and captured an enemy tank mounting an anti-tank gun."

"Abyssinia: Advancing from the north on Ambalag, Indian troops have again made important progress by capturing Gumsa and taking four pack guns together with quantities of other war materials. Meanwhile, South African troops are continuing their advance northwards on Ambalag. In the southern areas the operations are proceeding well."

"Iraq: All is quiet in the Habbaniyah and Basra areas. Our mechanised forces have occupied Rutbah."

## Enemy's Morale Shaken

NAIROBI, May 12 (Reuter).—Despite bad weather, British forces in the southern sector of Abyssinia are following up their successes while strong pressure is being maintained by columns operating south of Addis Ababa.

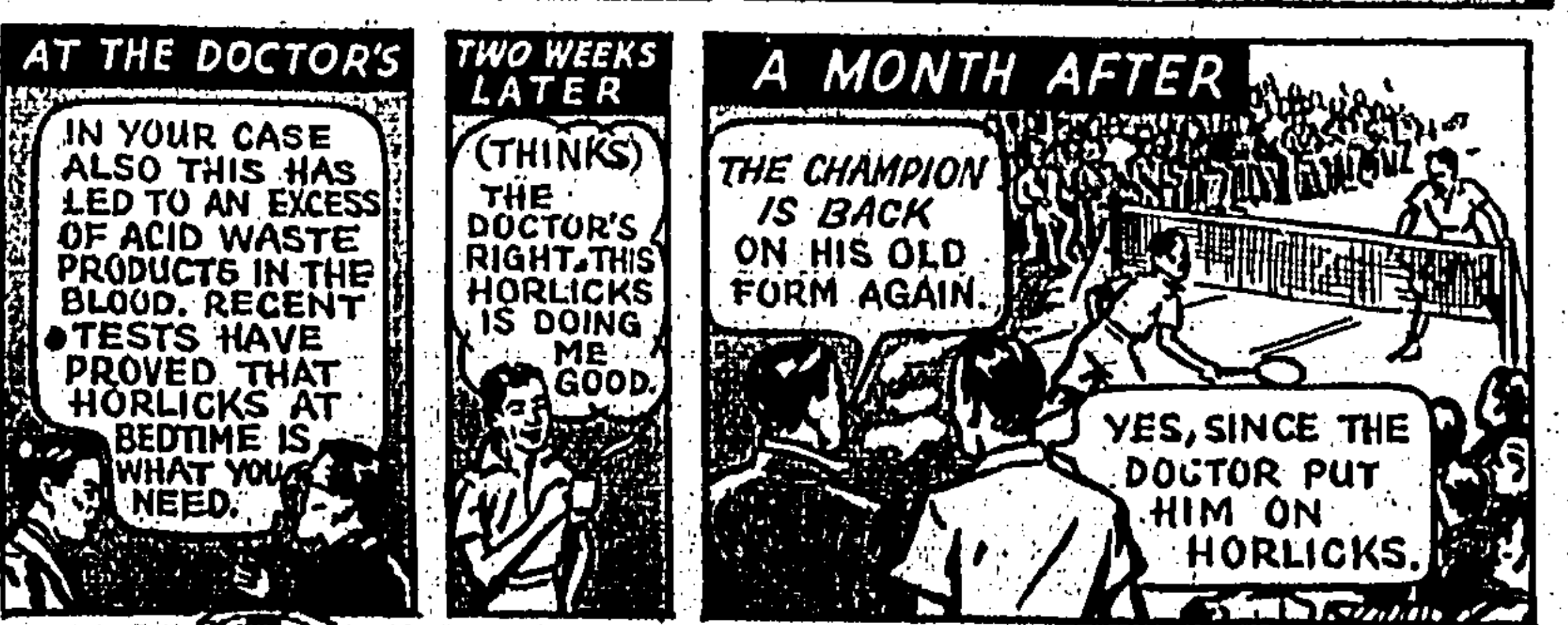
The enemy's morale, according to reports received here, is being shaken by ground-strafing by the South African Air Force and attacks of the various patriot armies directed against the Italian flank and rear.

## Aerial Harassing

CAIRO, May 12 (Reuter).—The South African Air Force, the Rhodesian Squadron and the R.A.F. have continued to harass the Italians at Gimma, Selasclamanna, Uadara and Abige.

"One British plane is missing from all Middle East operations."

# BADMINTON CHAMPION LOSES FORM



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# Substitute Home For Commons Prepared

(By "Reuter's" Parliamentary Correspondent)

LONDON, May 12.—The extensive damage done to the House of Commons will make necessary the use of the replica of that Chamber which has existed elsewhere for some time past and which has actually been used on a number of occasions for full meetings of the House of Commons.

The reserve chamber is smaller than the original House of Commons.

The Speaker's chair, green benches and gangways familiar to visitors to the old Commons are reproduced in form, though the familiar green leather is replaced by green cloth.

The Press sit at the opposite end of the chamber from that to which they are accustomed, sharing the available space with diplomats who formerly had their own very exclusive gallery. It is not, therefore, in any hasty or improvised fashion that the destruction of the old Commons will be met.

Another site is ready and complete in every detail and is well tested in debates, which have taken place there.

## Westminster Abbey

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Surrounded by ruins, Westminster Abbey to-day is structurally intact. An examination shows that the roof is not irretrievably damaged and the organ, one of the finest in the country, is undamaged.

Four of the ancient stone arches of the Little Cloister have been damaged by fire.

The Abbey music, the library and priceless parchments and also the famous Coronation Stone had been removed some time ago to places of safety.

Today, when workmen were busy putting a temporary cover over the hole in the roof, is the anniversary of the coronation. Where the King and Queen sat in coronation robes beneath the lantern—which is now open to the sky—is a heap of rubble and broken wood.

The scene to-day is indeed a stark contrast with that day four years ago.

## Mayors Killed At Duty

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Two mayors have been killed in raids on London, the Mayor of Westminster on Saturday night while visiting a shelter which received a direct hit, and the Mayor of Bermondsey, who was helping in fighting fires in a recent raid.

# Donations To Bomber Fund

## WAR ORGANISATION

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Second donation)	10
Hongkong Amateur Cinema	50
(50 per cent of net proceeds of	
Cinema evening on 23.4.41)	40.62
Mr. E. P. Miller (second donation)	50
Supreme Court Bomb	50
Mr. E. P. Miller (monthly	30
donation)	30
Mr. L. A. Sterling (monthly	50
donation)	50
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son, \$1; sale of 1 C.H.S.S. Badge per Mrs	
Larsen, \$1; sale of Postal Labels, 40 Cts.	
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(monthly), \$15; A. H. Gullness (month-	
ly), \$20; M. Kennedy (monthly), \$20;	
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## Pacific Situation

"United Press" adds that it is reported that Mr. Menzies and President Roosevelt reviewed the Pacific situation emphasising the Japanese role in the present crisis. It is also reported that Mr. Menzies brought plans for closer collaboration between the United States and Australia to thwart any Japanese move to the south.

## French Harvest

MOSCOW, May 12 (Reuter).—Moscow Radio says that half the grain crop in Unoccupied France has been destroyed owing to late frost.

## STOCK EXCHANGE

## Values Maintained

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, business was quiet but values were generally maintained.

Glit-edged stocks were mainly steady, industrial movements were small and home rails were unchanged.

Do Beers continued to be strong due to a shortage of stock. Among foreign bonds, Iraq 4 1/2 per cent to-day were 48 1/2 compared with 48.

Oils were quiet. Anglo-Iranian stocks being slightly easier.

Wall Street was slow.

## Lingnan Letter To Mr Roosevelt

Five hundred and nine students and Chinese faculty members of Lingnan University, American missionary institution who moved to Hongkong from Canton following the fall of the city in 1938, addressed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in connection with the 127th anniversary of the Argentine Assembly's adoption of the song "Liberty" as the national anthem.

Denouncing Argentinians who "now clamour for neutrality," Dr. Alvarez said that there were some people who, some time ago, thought that they could make trouble over the Falkland Islands, but that, since the Argentine Government had broken off Argentine relations, and some day would be settled in the Argentine.

# Berlin's Version Of Flight

## Suicide Story Announced

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Rudolf Hess, Hitler's Deputy, has met with sudden death in mysterious circumstances while on an aeroplane flight from Augsburg, Bavaria, from where he took off on May 10.

An official announcement by the National Socialist Party issued by the German news agency to-day suggests that Hess was suffering from "mental disorder" and says that he "either jumped out of the plane or met with an accident."

It adds that Hitler has ordered the arrest of the dead man's adjutants.

## Nazi No. 3

The 45-year-old Hess was the "Nazi No. 3." He was to follow Marshal Goering as successor to Hitler in the event of their deaths.

The official announcement of the National Socialist Party broadcast by the German news agency states: "The Party member, Rudolf Hess who, owing to his suffering from an illness of many years standing, was strictly forbidden by the Fuehrer to embark upon any further flying activity, recently was able, while contrary to orders, to get possession of an aeroplane."

"On Saturday, May 10, at about 6 p.m., Rudolf Hess set off on a flight from Augsburg from which he has not returned up to the present time."

## Letter Left

"A letter which Hess left behind shows by its distractedness traces of mental disorder and it is feared that Hess was a victim of hallucination."

"The Fuehrer at once ordered the arrest of the adjutants of the Party member Hess, who alone have any knowledge of these flights and who, contrary to the Fuehrer's orders, of which they were fully aware, did not prevent or failed to report these flights."

"In these circumstances it must be considered that Party member Hess has either jumped out of his plane or met with an accident."

# TWO DEMOCRATIC LEADERS CONFER

## Roosevelt and Menzies

WASHINGTON, May 12 (Reuter).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, had an hour's bedside talk with President Roosevelt, after which Mr. Menzies told pressmen: "There were few things we did not talk about. We circumnavigated the globe and it was a stimulating journey."

The Australian Minister, Mr. Richard Casey, who accompanied Mr. Menzies, said that they talked on matters "past, present and future."

Mr. Menzies brought no message from Mr. Churchill to President Roosevelt but said that he conveyed verbal personal greetings.

## Pacific Situation

"United Press" adds that it is reported that Mr. Menzies and President Roosevelt reviewed the Pacific situation emphasising the Japanese role in the present crisis. It is also reported that Mr. Menzies brought plans for closer collaboration between the United States and Australia to thwart any Japanese move to the south.

## French Harvest

MOSCOW, May 12 (Reuter).—Moscow Radio says that half the grain crop in Unoccupied France has been destroyed owing to late frost.

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# Far East Balance Of Power: U. S. Aims

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, May 12 (UP).—Mr William P. Simms, the Scripps-Howard columnist, to-day predicted "upon considerable authority" that the United States will refuse to accept a mediator's role in the Orient, "unless Japan agrees in advance to discuss peace on the basis of the Nine Power Pact."

He said that the United States for strategic as well as logical reasons refuse a "makeshift peace." He declared that United States is making an effort to restore the balance of power in the Far East and the South Pacific, adding that "China is indispensable to that balance."

He asserted that Hitler wants the Sino-Japanese war to continue to permit Japan to cause trouble to the Allies in the South Pacific "including war against the United States." Stalin favours a Japanese-American war and is now appealing Japan to the possible point of discontinuing aid to China. Japan, if it would terminate the China war on the basis of the 21 demands, plus the recognition of Manchukuo "which would make Japan dominant while leaving China without independence."

He pointed out that the Japanese press has been recently minimizing the possible gains as a result of the China war and simultaneously "falsely" announcing an understanding with the United States. All this is regarded as signifying that important changes are in the offing for Japan.

## Hess The Man: One Of "Old Guard"

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papers and on the screen than of any other Nazi leader except Hitler.

**Born In Egypt**

Rudolf Hess has for years been a close friend of Hitler who named him, shortly after the outbreak of war, to be successor after Goering in the event of the Fuehrer's death.

Hess was born in Alexandria, Egypt in 1896, was a flying officer in the World War and devoted himself to Hitler after hearing him speak for the first time. He is very anti-Semitic but is otherwise moderate and pleasant. He has a strange hobby, faith-healing, for which he founded a hospital at Dresden, and he is stated to be the only leader close to Hitler who is entirely devoid of ambition.

**Hitler's Man Friday**

Hess has been described as "Hitler's Man Friday" and "Hitler's Shadow."

He was responsible to Hitler above Himmler, Goebbels, von Ribbentrop and Goering.

Hess was Hitler's private secretary in the old Beer Cellar days and was interned with him in the fortress of Landsberg. There he took down the first pages of "Mein Kampf" at Hitler's dictation.

When Hitler came to power, Hess at the head of the prison staff brought to Hitler every bit of confidential information which Hitler required from a state about to be over-run.

**Attended English School**

Hess spent his boyhood in Egypt and went to an English school at Alexandria. The outbreak of war in 1914 prevented him going to an English university. He was a 100 per cent. Party man and never wore any other uniform but the brown shirt of the Storm Trooper or the black coat of the S.S. Hitler's Black Guard.

He is said to be mild-mannered, speaks little and acts quickly, and after Hitler himself lives the most frugal life of any of the Nazi leaders.

**London Believes Hess Deserted**

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day and he reached the west of Scotland five hours later.

**No German Reaction Yet**

BERLIN, May 12 (UP).—It is assumed that the B.B.C. broadcast that Hess had landed in Scotland was heard by a very small audience. In Germany, due to the laws against listening to foreign broadcasts.

A number of foreign correspondents heard the report, but up to the early hours of this morning there was no official cognisance of it in German quarters. It is expected that the report will have to undergo the closest scrutiny by German quarters before German reaction will be available.

**Interviewing Hess**

LONDON, May 13 (UP).—It is understood at the Foreign Office that Mr Ivone Kirkpatrick, former First Secretary to the British Embassy in Berlin, who attended the Munich and Godesberg conferences as interpreter for Mr Chamberlain, is interviewing Hess at Glasgow.

Mr Kirkpatrick is intimately acquainted with the Nazi leaders and many times he, Mr Chamberlain and Hitler were alone together at Godesberg.

**U.S. Seeks New Trade Pacts**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP).—Timing his announcement to coincide with the visit of the Argentine Foreign Minister, Senator Enrique Ruiz Guzman, Secretary of State Cordell Hull to-day announced his intention to negotiate a trade pact with Argentina and also Uruguay, thus resuming efforts to improve the commercial relations with the La Platte countries, which were interrupted when the earlier United States-Argentine negotiations were terminated by mutual consent in January 1940.

## BENGHAZI BLASTED BY NAVY

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).

During Saturday night, powerful units of British light forces carried out an intense bombardment of Benghazi from point-blank range, states an Admiralty communique.

Damage was caused to shipping and military objectives.

Fire from the shore batteries was ineffective as were also repeated attacks by enemy dive-bombers.

No casualties or damage were sustained by any of the British ships.

**R.A.F. Activity**

CAIRO, May 12 (Reuter).—Heavy raids on Benghazi, where ships were attacked and three large fires started on the mole, were made yesterday, states a British R.A.F. Middle East communique.

At Benina three German and one other plane were set on fire while at Berka direct hits were obtained on buildings north-west of the landing ground.

El Gazala was also raided. At Derna, the landing ground on which a number of enemy aircraft were dispersed, was attacked and motor transport in the vicinity was bombed and machine-gunned.

Considerable damage was caused to enemy mechanised units in various other places between Tobruk and Derna.

One German plane, a Messerschmitt 109, was attacked and destroyed.

**Breaks An Ankle In Landing**

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several attempts to suggest that Hess is suffering from mental disorder.

**Downing St. Statement**

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The following statement was issued from No. 10 Downing Street at 11 p.m. to-night:

"Rudolf Hess, the Deputy Fuehrer of Germany and a Party Leader of the National Socialists, has landed in Scotland in the following circumstances:

"On the night of Saturday, May 10, he left Augsburg, Bavaria, in an aeroplane for an unknown destination and landed by parachute in Scotland, sustaining a broken ankle, necessitating hospital treatment."

"When he was taken, he gave his name as Horn but later on he declared that he was Rudolf Hess."

"He brought with him various photographs of himself at different ages, apparently in order to establish identity. These photographs were deemed to be photographs of Hess by several people who knew him personally."

"Accordingly, an official of the Foreign Office, who was closely acquainted with Hess before the war, has been sent up by aeroplane to see him in hospital."

**Flight To Spain Reported**

Last month Hess was reported to have flown to Spain with a message for General Franco.

Later an official denial that he was actually visiting Spain was issued but it did not say that he had not been there.

Twelve days ago, Hess was at the Nazi Brown House in Munich receiving Admiral Salvador Merino, the Spanish Minister of Marine, and leader of the Spanish Falangist syndicate.

**Rice Profiteering Ring Smashed**

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pose, which was to smash the ring of rice profiteers in the Colony.

**Merchant's Petition**

Wholesale rice merchants have petitioned the Government to modify the monopoly scheme announced last week. Mr Li Koon-chun and Mr Chau Shui-ki, representing the Rice Merchants' Association, submitted the petition through the Chinese Members of Councils this morning.

The petition points out that the import and export of rice constitute one of the Colony's major commercial activities, and when the monopoly scheme comes into operation, this will entirely cease, resulting in several thousands of people being thrown out of work and a possible flight of capital from the Colony.

The Government is urged to modify the scheme to the extent of allowing wholesale business to continue. In effect, this would mean that Government would be importing the rice, and the present wholesalers would be selling it to retailers for the Government.

**More Bombs On Kunning**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KUNMING, May 12 (UP).—Fifteen Japanese planes heavily bombed northwest Kunning at 11 o'clock to-day. Buildings on both sides of the British Consulate were wrecked by direct hits but the Consulate escaped.

Ten bombs dropped on the campus at the Yunnan University and the main buildings were damaged by direct hits.

# Portuguese Parties' Divorce

A decree nisi was granted by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Divorce Court this morning to Mrs Maria Fernanda Ribeiro Cabral de Carvalho, who sought the dissolution of her marriage to Mr Eduardo Henrique Cabral de Carvalho, on the ground of adultery.

The custody of two children and the question of maintenance were decided in Chambers.

Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva, appeared for the petitioner, and the Respondent was neither represented nor present in Court.

The case had been adjourned for satisfactory evidence of domicile to be produced. This was done this morning.

**Evidence of Domicile**

Mr Chen said that the Respondent's domicile of origin was Hongkong, as he was born here and there was evidence that he intended to make Hongkong his permanent home.

His Lordship pointed out that he had no explanation of the Respondent's presence in Portugal at a time when he was of age to think for himself and should have been earning his own living. The Respondent, he continued, had left Hongkong when he was still a minor, his mother had left Hongkong for Portugal and had died there, and his father had left for England, where he died. The Respondent lived for a number of years in Portugal, came back to Hongkong and after a year, returned to Portugal.

Mr Chen called evidence to prove the reason for the Respondent's stay in Portugal, and that he intended to make his permanent home in Hongkong.

**Help For Debtors Hit By War**

Legislation to enable business men who have been hit by the war to carry on is to be introduced almost immediately by the British Government.

Purpose of the Bill is to relieve people—particularly small shopkeepers and men with little businesses—who are hampered by debts.

At present there is a moratorium on debts, but the interest is piling up against the debtors with the result that many are actually dreading the end of the war.

**May Be Wiped Out**

The Government's measure will set up special conciliation machinery to assist creditors and debtors to reach an amicable settlement of their affairs. Failing agreement the matter will be dealt with by the ordinary courts, which will have power to enforce a settlement.

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DE GAULLE IN BRAZZAVILLE

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces, attended a Joan of Arc memorial service at Brazzaville, West Africa, to-day.

He also reviewed the troops and conferred decorations, states the Brazzaville radio.

Military Control In Rumania

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—A further 17 enterprises, including the Rumanian Danube Shipping Company, have been brought under military control by a decree of the Rumanian Government, says a Bucharest dispatch to Berlin.

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